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Soviets offer to trim troops

MOSCOW, Feb. 18 (AP) — The Soviet Union said Friday it was willing to withdraw 20,000 troops from central Europe if the United States pulls out 13,000 soldiers in an "initial practical step" toward major force reductions in the region.

Col. Gen. Nikolai Chervov of the Soviet armed forces general staff said the Soviet-U.S. troop reductions — 5 percent of each side's existing troops in central Europe — would take place over a one-year period and be monitored by each side.

"It will be necessary to agree in particular on the procedure for monitoring the withdrawals of Soviet and American troops. It is thought that this should not be an obstacle," Chervov said, providing details of the Soviet offer Thursday at the mutual and balanced force reduction talks in Vienna.

To rend M.E. apart Israel's divisive plot bared

By Abdul Karim Abu El-Nasr
Editor in Chief, Al-Majalla

Some time ago, several Western diplomatic and political circles received an important report from Tel Aviv under the headline, "The Zionist plan for the Middle East in the Eighties." The report was sent by Israel Shahak, chairman of the Israeli Human Rights Committee and a professor at the Hebrew University. In fact, the report was not prepared by Shahak himself, but was issued by the World Zionist Organization.

The purpose of sending the report was to alert them on the Israeli leadership's current plans for the Middle East and to consequently ask them to foil those designs. According to Shahak, the plot contained in the report had been engineered by Ariel Sharon, the political protégé of Menachem Begin. The main object of the plot was to rend apart the Middle East into smaller states, which would pave the way for Israel's domination of the Middle East.

Diplomatic sources agree that this is not an imaginary but a real plot which the Israeli officials have been dreaming of since the early fifties. But the time has now come to implement it with the Jewish military might. The diplomatic experts recalled that Aha Eban had observed in a lecture he had delivered in 1951 that the solution to the Middle East crisis and the consolidation of Israel would be achieved only through the establishment of smaller states and sectarian entities. Israel would then be able to create "alliance and understanding" with some of them.

The report further says that what Israel and the Zionist movement want is not peace with specified boundaries for Israel but to turn the Middle East into an area of its political, strategic, and economic aspirations through its permanent aggressive and expansionist moves. Sharon may not be the originator of the plot, but he certainly is the executing brain and a "symbol" of the rash power which does not need any deterrent or ally in the realization of its goals. Sharon's experiment in Lebanon has been a living example.

Beirut, Tel Aviv reach accord on withdrawal

BEIRUT, Feb. 18 (AP) — Lebanon and Israel were reported Friday to have reached tentative agreement that the first stage of foreign troop withdrawals from this Mediterranean nation should begin early next month.

Government sources here said Israeli troops would pull out from Lebanon's central mountains to coastal areas south of Beirut while Syrian and Palestinian troops would roll back from the Upper Metn mountain peaks to East Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

The sources, who spoke on condition they would not be named, said U.S. presidential Envoy Philip Habib had won the approval of the Israeli government to the proposed first withdrawal stage.

Habib dispatched his assistant Morris Draper to Beirut Thursday night to brief Lebanese President Amin Gemayel on the proposal, the sources said. Gemayel gave Lebanon's tentative agreement provided the proposed first stage is linked to a program for a total withdrawal of 60,000 Israeli, Syrian

and Palestinian troops from Lebanon.

The sources said Habib plans to go to Syria sometime next week to ascertain that President Hafez Assad would order his forces to pull back from the central Lebanese mountains simultaneously with an Israeli rollback.

Gemayel's government is expected at the same time to send an emissary to the Arab League headquarters in Tunis to negotiate a compliance by the Palestine Liberation Organization with the projected withdrawal scheme, the sources said.

The sources said, however, an overall accord on all major issues involved in the current troop withdrawal negotiations, including security arrangements and future relations, should be reached before a first phase of the withdrawal could be carried out.

The first stage envisioned by Habib would take Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces 15 kilometers back from their current positions.

They said Gemayel has already instructed the Lebanese army command to begin planning a deployment of Lebanese troops in vacated areas to reopen and patrol the international highway that links Beirut with the Syrian capital of Damascus.

Hijacker shot dead

PRAGUE, Feb. 18 (APF) — In-flight security guards Friday shot and killed a 26-year-old man who tried to hijack a Czechoslovak Tu-134E airliner on a domestic flight from Poprad, central Czechoslovakia, to Prague, the CTK news agency reported. Failing in attempts to enter the cockpit, Marian Pesko, a Czechoslovak citizen, threatened to set off a bomb, and was shot by the security officers of the CSA airline, the agency said. The plane and its 34 passengers landed safely at Prague airport, it said.

S. African blast injures 87 blacks

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Feb. 18 (AP) — An explosion believed caused by a bomb injured 87 persons at a government office building Friday, hospital spokesmen said. No deaths were reported.

Hospital officials said all the injured were nonwhites, nearly all of them blacks who have been among hundreds waiting to register for work or obtain other government permits at a black administration office. If a bomb was confirmed, unofficial sources said, the blast would rank as the most costly in terms of injuries in the sabotage campaign against white-minority rule in South Africa.

White-administered boards controlling the affairs of nonwhites have been favored sabotage targets of black militants. The African National Congress, a banned black nationalist movement, has claimed responsibility for most of the attacks. ANC offices in neighboring black nations declined immediate comment Friday.

PNC hardliners oppose U.S. plan

ALGIERS, Feb. 18 (APF) — Hardliners spoke out in the Palestine National Council (PNC) against the U.S. Mideast plan but Yasser Arafat was expected to stress the mainstream viewpoint Friday in a speech winding up the public session of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile.

The summing-up by Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) executive committee, was all the more awaited because, in his opening address to the parliament here on Monday, he avoided any direct approach to the questions which have caused the most controversy within the Palestinian movement.

U.K., Norway cut oil prices by \$3

LONDON, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — British North Sea oil has been reduced \$3 or about 10 percent a barrel backdated to Feb. 1, it was officially announced here Friday.

The cut, made by the British North Sea Oil Corporation, puts the price of Britain's Forties marker crude at \$30.50 a barrel — the cheapest high quality oil on the world market.

Reacting to the BNOC announcement, the Norwegian oil company, Statoil, announced it was cutting the price of its oil by \$3 and \$3.45 per barrel. Its spokesman said the \$3 cut would apply to shore deliveries and the \$3.45 cut to crudes grades loaded offshore. Statoil had stated earlier this week that Norwegian oil price cuts would match any cut made by BNOC.

Industry sources said the move by BNOC would put immediate pressure on the 13 OPEC countries to trim the price of their crudes.

The cut would make North Sea oil \$3.50 a barrel cheaper than inferior Saudi Arabian light, the marker crude within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, and \$5 cheaper than top quality African grades.

The price cut will not mean an oil export bonanza for the British. Britain already follows a policy of maintaining maximum output, currently standing at around 2.2 million barrels a day or five percent of non-Communist world demand.

The world price of the 42 gallon barrel has been under intense pressure since OPEC failed at talks in Geneva last month to come up with a production-sharing agreement that would limit the exporter group's output to current demand.

OPEC has been trying unsuccessfully to counter the effects of an oil glut created by lingering world recession, competition from alternative fuels and, in the short term, mild winter weather in the oil-consuming northern hemisphere.

BNOC's customers told the trading company the existing British price of \$33.50 a barrel was too high in view of the oil glut and a price slump on the free spot market. Traders were this week able to buy up cargoes on the spot market for as little as \$29 a barrel. Refineries in the meantime are getting a return of little more than \$29 on the products

they extract from a barrel of North Sea oil.

The industry will now be looking to see how the spot market reacts to the news from BNOC. A major foreign buyer told Reuters he expected spot prices to drop below \$29 next week but said they were likely to recover within 10 days.

Spokesmen for several oil majors, which operate as buyers and suppliers, said the \$3 a barrel cut for the main North Sea grades was smaller than expected. They said acceptance of the recommendation did not rule out future pressure for further cuts if spot prices stayed significantly below the new level.

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Nigeria set to follow suit

LAGOS, Feb. 18 (R) — Nigeria, a member of OPEC, plans to cut its oil prices next week to the same as the new North Sea pricing levels, industry sources said Friday.

They said Nigeria's high-quality Bonny Light crude now priced at \$35.50 a barrel, would be reduced to \$30 or \$30.50 depending on the level set for the equivalent quality of North Sea oil.

Jordan, Romania back PLO demand

BUCHAREST, Feb. 18 (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan and President Nicolae Ceausescu called Friday for establishment of an independent Palestinian state and urged convening an international conference to try and settle the dispute between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The suggestions came in a communique released to the official press at the end of a one-day visit in which the Jordanian monarch had two rounds of private talks with Ceausescu.

The king, regarded as a key figure in settling the Middle East conflict, was headed for Yugoslavia and planned to visit Britain after his visit there.

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Premier Sun lauds King's peace efforts

Taiwan affirms support for Fahd's plan

JEDDAH, Feb. 18 — Nationalist China Premier Sun Yun-suan has praised King Fahd's vigorous efforts to achieve lasting peace and justice in the Middle East, saying that the government of the Republic of China has repeatedly expressed support for the Fahd peace plan.

"We admire the vigorous and constructive efforts of His Highness King Fahd to ensure justice and lasting peace in the Middle East. The government of the Republic of China has repeatedly and publicly proclaimed its support for the Fahd peace plan. We consider it a practical formula for solving the Middle Eastern issue. We sincerely hope that the various parties concerned will undertake a common effort to solve the problem on this basis at an early date," Premier Sun said in an interview with Thamer Al-Maimar published in *Al-Madinah* newspaper Saturday.

On Taiwan's relations with the Arab world, Sun said the Republic of China and Arab states have a long-standing historical and cultural relationship.

"As a result of this lengthy contact, they have absorbed each other's cultural essence, assumed a similar anti-Communist stand and embraced common moral principles," he said. "On the basis of these identical interests, the two sides have contributed greatly to the cultural progress of mankind."

Asked his opinion on the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June 1982, Sun attacked military interference by any nation. "The Republic of China cherishes peace and freedom. We believe the interests and dignity of Middle Eastern peoples should be upheld and that the peace and stability of the Arab states should be effectively safeguarded."

"Lebanon is no exception," he said. "Military interference by any nation constitutes a grave breach of the ceasefire. This will aggravate tension in the Middle East



Sun Yun-suan

and jeopardize the peace and stability of the region. We think any such action should be censured and effectively halted."

On other subjects, the Chinese premier admitted that U.S. recognition of the Chinese Communist regime has had strong repercussions on Taiwan's external relations.

"But this has not had so much effect on our relations with Western European nations," he said. "We believe our strengthening of economic, trade and cultural ties with Europe benefits both sides. The facts bear out this assessment."

"Our relations with Western European nations have been developing rapidly in recent years. Today the ROC has cultural, economic and trade, and scientific and technological offices in 14 European nations. Eight European nations have established 10 offices in the Republic of China. Furthermore, six European banks

have set up branches in Taipei. This shows that relations are becoming increasingly closer," Sun emphasized.

He branded the relationship between Peking and Washington as a marriage of expediency. "They will never attain genuine friendship and cooperation," Sun said.

Asked about the implications of the Cultural Revolution in Communist China, Sun said it has brought poverty and backwardness to the Chinese mainland.

"Since the Chinese Communists seized the mainland, they have inflicted untold damage on the Chinese cultural tradition and social system," he said. "This has brought poverty and backwardness to the Chinese mainland. The Cultural Revolution was nothing less than condoned vandalism," he explained.

"Since the Cultural Revolution, the Chinese Communist regime has had to make slight policy changes in an attempt to heal their wounds and quell the resistance of the people. At the same time, they have tried to take advantage of the changes to extract capital and technology from the West."

"We must understand that the Chinese Communists are still sticking to their so-called 'four cardinal principles' of the Socialist road, dictatorship of the proletariat (the term was changed into the people's democratic dictatorship in the new constitution in an effort to gloss over the reality), leadership by the Communist party, and Marxism-Leninism and Mao Tse-tung thought."

"This indicates that the essence of Chinese communism and aggressive nature of its regime have not changed," Sun said. "These four principles were roots of Communist evil in the past. Unless these causes of trouble are removed, no Western nation can harbor any illusions about the Chinese Communist regime."



Muhammad Ghulam Ghouse

Saud opens IDB session next month

JEDDAH, Feb. 18 (SPA) — Prince Saud Ibn Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor of the Makkah province, is due to open here in March the seventh annual session of the Islamic Development Bank's (IDB) board of governors with the participation of finance ministers of member states. Deliberations will cover the activities of the bank over the past year and its financial standing.

In an interview with SPA, IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad outlined the progress made by the bank since its establishment. He said the total number of loans granted until about four months ago stood at 46 and amounted to over 258 million Islamic dinars or \$310 million.

Dr. Muhammad said the bank had contributed to the capital of 34 projects amounting to about 159 million Islamic dinars or \$195 million.

The number of technical assistance cases provided to member countries stood at 33 amounting to about 18 million Islamic dinars or \$21 million.

Normal operations financed by the bank since its establishment totaled 157, and amounted to about 744 million Islamic dinars or \$896 million.

There were 147 foreign trade financing transactions amounting to about 1,606 million Islamic dinars or \$1,969 million.

Dr. Muhammad added that the total number of normal and foreign trade transactions carried out by the bank since its creation until about four months ago stood at 304 operations amounting to 2,350 million Islamic dinars or \$2,866 million.

BRIEFS

Criminals beheaded

RIYADH (SPA) — Two convicted criminals were beheaded here Friday for strangling to death a six-year-old boy. Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al-Barak and Khaled ibn Muhammad ibn Fahd Al-Tulaibi were executed after the noon prayers at Al-Adl (Justice) Square for the murder of Bandar ibn Mubarak ibn Abdullah Al-Duseri.

The Interior Ministry issued a statement reaffirming the government's unwavering determination to consolidate security and to deter criminals and all those who dare disturb the peace and stability of the country.

Delegates return

JEDDAH (SPA) — Foreign Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Thunayan and an accompanying delegation returned here Friday from New Delhi after a three-day official visit to India. The delegation had talks with Indian officials on ways of developing bilateral relations and issues related to the nonaligned summit, due to be held in New Delhi next month. The undersecretary also met with Indian Premier Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

Qur'an print restriction

JEDDAH — The Information Ministry has urged all advertising agencies and print shops in Saudi Arabia not to print verses from the Holy Qur'an or the sayings of the Holy Prophet on calendars, ads, cards, placards or any such material. *Al-Jedah* reported Friday. The move is aimed at avoiding such holy scriptures being misused, neglected or thrown away in inadequate places.

Social security benefits

QATIF — Some SR88 million has been distributed to subscribers to the social security system in Asir and Qatif and more is being disbursed, *Okaz* reported Friday. New cases are also under consideration. A sum of SR63 million was paid to 15,000 persons in Asir, and another SR25.5 million was handed over to 6,800 beneficiaries in Qatif.

Gabriel shock absorber assembly plant considered

RIYADH, Feb. 18 — The possibility of setting up an assembly unit for the Gabriel shock-absorbers in the Kingdom is being explored by their distributor Muhammad Sulaiman al-Sabt, according to J.R. Bicego, regional sales director of Maremona Corp.

Saudi-Indian venture

Techno-economic survey on agriculture planned

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 18 — The Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC), an Indian company, with the assistance of Binladen organization, is trying to draw up a techno-economic plan for the Kingdom's agriculture and allied activities so that investment in these areas may be in conformity with the national goal, according to AFC Chairman Muhammad Ghulam Ghouse.

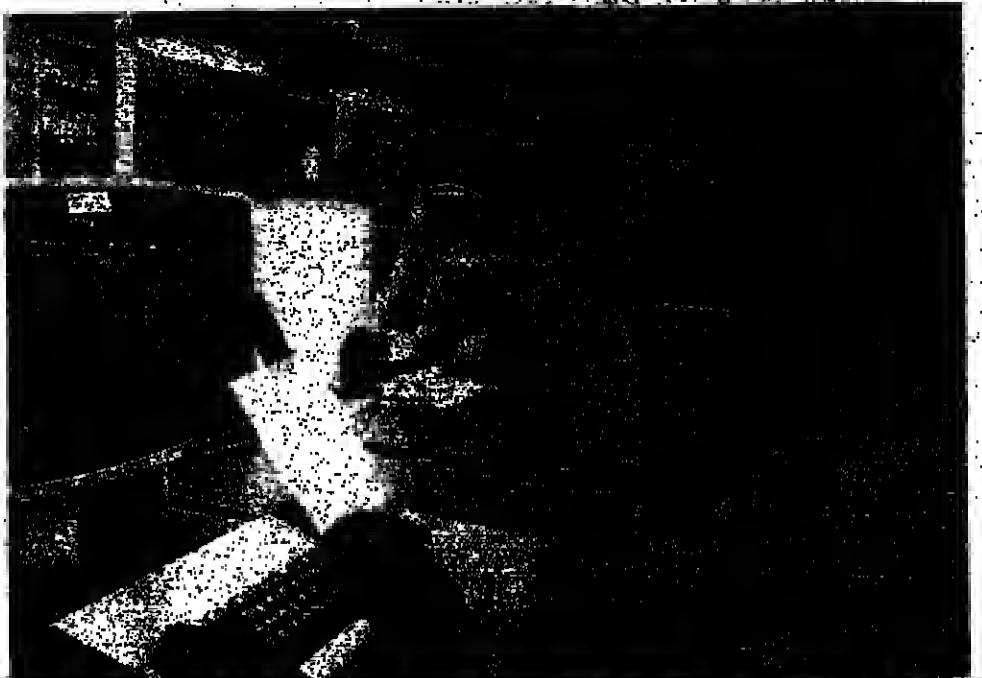
Ghouse is heading a team of six technical experts to the Kingdom, as a follow-up of the Binladen delegation's visit to India last October. Other members of the mission include R.R. Rayarikar, the organization's inputs and horticultural expert; A.N. Alam, hydrogeologist and irrigation expert; Dr. D.M. Bailur, livestock and modern abattoir and meat processing expert; Dr. P.S. Kundu, irrigation engineer and on-farm development expert; and Dr. I. Quereshi, plantation, forestry, semi-arid and arid area development expert.

The corporation, with an authorized capital of Rs. 1 billion (\$125 billion), is an accredited consultant to the Islamic Development Bank, in addition to being a consultant to the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Asian Development Bank, and the African Development Bank and Commonwealth Secretariat, Britain.

Ghouse told *Arab News* that since his visit here last June, AFC has formulated many projects for the Asian Development Bank. It has prepared the National Livestock Development program in Sri Lanka and provided technical experts for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) mission to Indonesia, Philippines, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal. It was also listed for the IFAD's rural development project in Lissoto and recently it was selected for the ADB-sponsored Lania Use Development Project in Solomon Islands in the Pacific. All these projects were based on global tenders, he added.

While in Jeddah, the team had meetings with some of the top industrial and business groups interested in farm development, dairy and agro-based industrial projects. They visited farms of some prospective clients and met with IDB officials.

"The priority given to agriculture and allied industries in the Kingdom will lead the country to self-sufficiency. The goal is attainable and with concerted efforts, it can be speeded up as seen in the achievements made in wheat production," said Ghouse.



SUBSCRIBER ADDITION: Saudi Telephone uses an automated computer system to keep track of all subscribers using the Saudi Arabian Service Order System. With the addition of more new lines every month the system is now indispensable.

Work on 6,000-line phone project in Makkah to be finished in March

MAKKAH, Feb. 18 (SPA) — There are 60,000 telephone lines operating here out of a total 97,000 lines within Makkah's exchanges. Work on a 6,000 line exchange called "Al-Umrah Central" will be completed next month. The exchange will serve the area from the Taneem to Nawwareyyah districts. The area is now served by Bayban 32,000 line exchange.

Meanwhile, work has started on the microwave building and tower at Shara'ie Mujahideen Central to provide 1,000 lines. The latter will supplement the 2,000 line exchange of Jomoum District. Jomoum and neighboring areas are served by a microwave

station. In addition, all lines have been installed at Khotout exchange that combines 10,000 such lines. At present some 150 telephonic lines are installed every day according to a Saudi Telephone spokesman. An average 110 telephones get out-of-order every day of which 90 percent are repaired within eight hours.

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Production capacity to reach 5,000 Mw by 1985

Electric power totals 4,300 Mw in E. Province

DAMMAM, Feb. 18 (SPA) — Electric power generated in the Eastern Province has reached 4,300 megawatts (Mw) to meet the considerable growth of consumption in this industrial area. Abdullah Saleh Juma'a, director of the Saudi Consolidated Electric Company (SCECO), said.

In an interview with SPA, Juma'a said the production capacity would reach 5,000 Mw by the end of 1985, in addition to 2,000 Mw by the Salween Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) which generated electricity as a co-product of sea-water desalination.

Juma'a who is also SCECO's board member, added that subscribers of the company had totaled 317,000 consumers in addition to ARAMCO which consumes 60 percent of generated power to operate its oil installations and projects throughout the region.

SCECO Eastern Province has completed

Hilton appoints Gulf sales manager

By a staff writer



Emad Elias

KUWAIT, Feb. 18 — Emad Elias has been appointed as Gulf regional sales manager for Hilton International. He will be responsible for sales promotion in Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, Bahrain, Kuwait, Egypt, Greece, Cyprus and East Africa.

Elias was born in Lebanon in 1957 and trained at the reception of Abu Dhabi Hilton Hotel in 1973. Since then, he has been climbing the company's echelons. From head of the reception, he became sales manager at the same hotel, then attended several training courses at Hilton International institutes in Canada and the United States, and was promoted to his present position. He will be based in Bahrain.

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By Al Hamra Nova-Park Hotel

Six food, trade festivals planned

By K.S. Ramiyar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 18 — Six food and trade festivals, including a Gulf food and handicraft fortnight, as well as exhibitions of Egyptian antiques and Indian carpets and jewelry, are among the events planned by the Al Hamra Nova-Park Hotel here.

The festivals begin in March with a Swiss food and trade festival, followed by an Egyptian food and antique show, and Filipino and Swedish food and trade exhibits, each running from 10 to 14 days, and a special Gulf week in conjunction with the Gulf Air, according to the hotel general manager, Max Metzger.

Metzger told Arab News that 1982 was an "extremely successful year" for the hotel, with the various fairs and festivals becoming popular. The Turkish Food and Handicraft Festival, the Keoyan Safari and the 1,001 Nights in Paris certainly provided some very

interesting and memorable high spots. Then there was the visit of former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali and the recent Arabic and Islamic Arts and Antiques Fair — probably the most popular event of the year.

Metzger said the Nova-Park Group, the sophisticated international Swiss hotel chain and investment group with its headquarters in Zurich which is managing the 2 1/2-year-old hotel here, owns six hotels the world over and will open its seventh one in downtown New York in June. Three of its hotels are located in Paris, and one each in Zurich and Cairo. The chain's first Zurich venture celebrated its 10th anniversary in 1982.

Metzger, 49, who hails from Basel in Switzerland and who has been in hotel management for the past 30 years, said the going has been extremely good for the hotel industry in the Kingdom, the occupancy rate of his hotel has averaged between 80 and 90 percent.

Metzger has been here for the last 1 1/2 years having spent the major part of his hotel management career in Switzerland, Canada, North Africa and the Middle East with a stint with the Hiltons and the Meridien. He said hotel management is a very interesting business and it is only influenced by the hotel's location to a certain extent. The basic idea in running a hotel remains the same — serving guests away from home and giving them the best comforts.

Commenting on unhealthy trends in the hotel business, Metzger said: "The struggle for survival exists everywhere. In every industry this happens. However, in the long run the quality of service gets the prize."

Echoing the philosophy of the Nova-Park Group, he said that for the hotel guest there is a completely new feeling of satisfaction in realizing that he need not go "downtown" but that "the town will come to him," and that is exactly what is happening here.

He quoted Rene E. Hart, creator of the Nova-Park concept and president of the group, as saying: "In the past hotels used to be built in the village square. Nowadays, an up-to-date hotel must create a village square of its own, providing the local population with a focus of activity with attractive and psychologically stimulating features, and offering a ample variety."

Sales Manager Lahmar Mngi said the hotel, with 300 rooms combining size and

efficiency in a five-story 'U'-shaped building, has lived up to its reputation of making the guests feel at home around the clock. To businessmen, we offer facilities of private telephones and phone lines in executive, business and diploma suites and a "royal" suite with a private swimming pool on the fifth floor, besides all the five-star comforts, and much more.

He said the hotel also combines American space-use concepts with the warmth of Saudi cozy corners. Equipped for work and relaxation, its meeting room space, with all audiovisual equipment, can be partitioned for banquets, cocktail parties, conventions and trade shows. The large variety of facilities for recreational activities offered include a fitness club, a gymnasium room, a swimming pool, a TV lounge, a playland lounge, a beach club at the Coral Beach, shopping arcades and an art gallery, he added.

Mngi, 38, who has been with this hotel for the past five years, lamented that some hotels have been using tricky ways to boost their business by offering 30 to 50 percent cuts in room charges.

He said the hotel's "Top Restaurant," opened recently, offers "what is probably the finest selection of French cuisine in town."



Kanoo group honors staff, awards prizes

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 18 — The Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo group honored 22 of its senior staff members at a function held recently in Dammam. Prizes were awarded for employees working for 20 years or more with the establishment.

The company chairman Abdullah Kanoo presided over the function. Deputy Chairman Abdul Aziz Kanoo and Ali Kanoo were present at the reception attended by the company's huge staff.

The recipients of the awards included Muhammad Isa, Ali Muhammad Jabran, Khalifa Sultan Ali, Ahmed Khalifa Al Sakra, P.K. Govindan, K.S.K. Nair, Abdul Rouf Al Jasi, Abdulla Ahmed Audh, Socrate Al Dias, Abdul Kareem bin Hasan, J.C.B. Fernandes, Aboud Al Amoudi, Abdulla Al Taihi, Muhammad Al Kattan P.D.F. D'souza, E.G.G. Gillespy, Ali Isa Kartas, Ali Abdulla Al Zahran, Misha Al Taihi, Ahmed Abdul Aziz Al Asur, Ali Muhammad Salam and P.K. Joshi.

STAFF HONORED: Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo recently held a reception to honor its senior staff for putting in long services of 20 years and more. Seen here (from left) are Ali Kanoo, deputy chairman Abdul Aziz Kanoo and chairman Abdullah Kanoo, with one of the honored staff members.



Max Metzger

Al-Sheikh OKs farm projects

RIYADH, Feb. 18 (SPA) — Licenses for projects totaling SR51,793,066 were delivered here recently by Minister of Agriculture and Water, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh.

The first SR14,847,554 project in Sudair will produce 1,470 tons of wheat, 1,260 tons of maize and 1,275 tons of green fodder per year.

The second SR3,950,153 project in Dammam provides for the production of half a million chickens a year. The third SR13,118,786 project in Qasim calls for the production of 2,300 head of cattle annually.

The fourth SR3,544,600 project also in Qasim will produce 1,850 head of cattle per year. The fifth SR5,157,284 project in the Western Province will produce 15 million eggs annually.

The sixth SR11,178,689 project in Qasim will produce 22 million eggs annually.

The projects were all approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water and referred to the agricultural bank for action only after the ministry ascertained that they were viable in the light of their respective economic feasibility studies.



Lahmar Mngi

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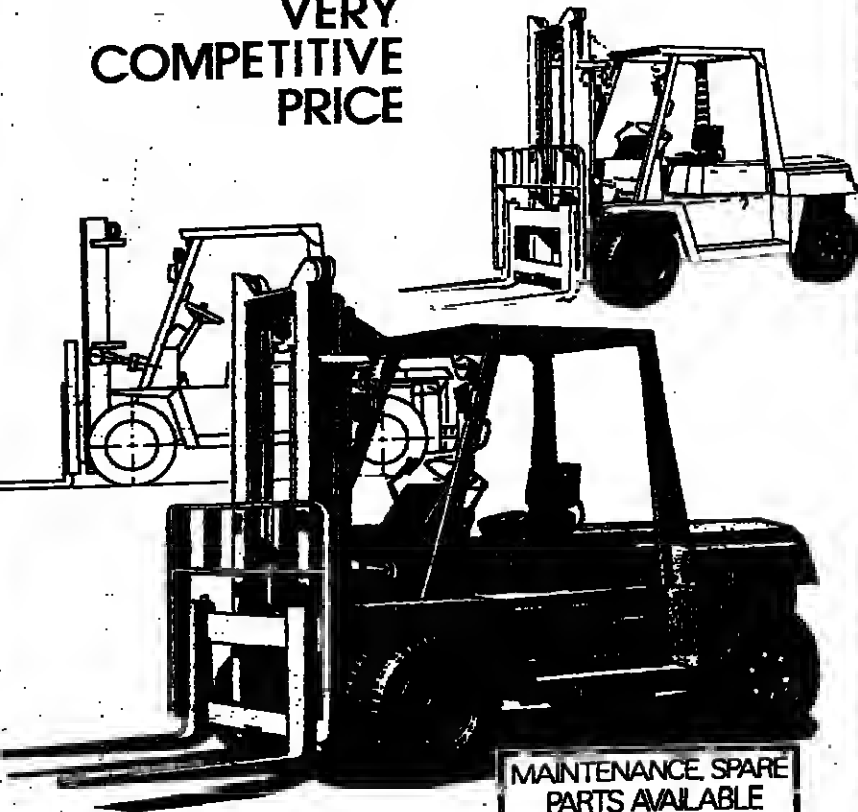
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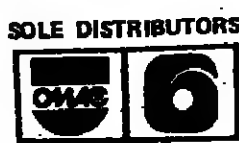
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Israeli bid to disarm French convoy foiled

BEIRUT, Feb. 18 (AP) — Israeli troops were reported Friday to have tried to disarm a French military convoy from the United Nations peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon.

Sources at the Lebanese army command also said Lebanese army checkpoints have been ordered to bar Israeli patrols from "Greater Beirut," except for a supply route on the southeastern fringes of the capital.

In Aley, 12 kilometers southeast of Beirut, a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at an Israeli tank Friday morning, an Israeli spokesman said. He said there were no casualties and that Israeli troops were searching for the attackers. The rightist "Voice of Lebanon" radio station said the Israelis had also blocked the Beirut-Damascus Highway through the town.

U.S. officials, meanwhile, said there were no plans for the American Marines here to redeploy into East Beirut, where the Lebanese army has taken control from right-wing militias. The officials said the Marines would expand their patrols, but would not set up permanent posts, as the French and Italian peacekeepers have done.

Lebanese army sources said the French convoy from the 10-nation U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was stopped by an Israeli checkpoint in Khaldé, 12 kilometers south of downtown Beirut, about 6 p.m. (1600 GMT) Thursday.

The sources said the Israelis demanded that the French troops surrender their arms before the convoy would be allowed to resume its journey into Beirut.

But French officers refused to comply, and their soldiers jumped out of the vehicles and

Turkey condemns 4 Palestinians to death

ANKARA, Feb. 18 (AP) — Four Palestinians who seized the Egyptian Embassy in a bloody assault in 1979 were condemned to death here Thursday in a retrial, state radio reported.

Marwan Sabahan, Mustafa Besheri, Husayn Suleyman Abdullah and Muhammad Abu Berat were sentenced to death in an earlier trial, but the decision was overturned by the Supreme Appeals Court on procedural grounds, as the commandos had not been properly identified.

The commandos, members of the radical Syrian-backed "Red Eagles of the Revolution" blasted their way into the Egyptian Embassy compound on July 13, 1979, in protest over the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, killing two Turkish guards in the assault.

An Egyptian official later died in an aborted escape attempt from the embassy in a hail of gunfire.

The Palestinians demanded that Turkey sever relations with both Egypt and Israel and recognize Palestinian rights.

took up combat positions on both sides of the coastal highway as angry words were exchanged, according to the sources. The Israelis called their command and then allowed the French convoy to pass through the checkpoint with their arms. The Israeli army spokesman said the French convoy was stopped because it had machineguns mounted on the trucks. "There is an agreement in which UNIFIL is not allowed to move with arms on the vehicles," he said. "They were moving with heavy arms on the vehicles, not inside as agreed. That is why they were stopped."

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli military spokesman said Friday that a reported incident was nothing more than a routine check at a military roadblock.

U.S. treating injured kids from Lebanon

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 18 — Thirteen Lebanese children and young adults arrived in the United States recently to receive treatment unavailable in Lebanon for war injuries sustained as far back as 1975. The injured victims of savage Israeli bombing, ranging in age from 4 to 24 years, were accompanied by Dr. Ghassan Issa, a Lebanese pediatrician, Tarek Mitri and Nadia Messahel, representatives of Amel Association, a Lebanese social and medical service organization cooperating in the lift effort, and some of the children's parents.

This group is the first to arrive under the auspices of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) in its Save Lebanon campaign. Seventeen more children will arrive from Lebanon during the next month, as part of the ADC's hope to treat 50 war-injured children this year.

The first group of children will require various treatments; their injuries include amputations, burns and eye injuries.

Dr. James Zogby, ADC executive director, said while many hospitals across the country have offered their services, a group now is in the process of screening the hospitals and their communities to determine which can provide for a number of children, rather than only one, stressing the need for community and group support. "We have come to realize that the need for medical treatment must be balanced by the fact that the kids need to be together," said Dr. Zogby, explaining the psychological difficulties involved of a child leaving his homeland.

Refugee influx hits Sudan anew

GEDAREF, Sudan, Feb. 18 (AP) — Sudan's refugee population of more than 600,000 is again swelling this year with an influx of thousands from the turmoil in Uganda and a stream of war and drought victims from northern Ethiopia.

On a recent Sunday, 50 refugees from the northern Ethiopian province of Tigre were lined up outside the blue wood-frame office of Ismail Ibrahim, Sudan's assistant commissioner for refugees in this bustling eastern agricultural center of 100,000 about 120 kilometers from Ethiopia.

Ibrahim said 30 to 50 have been showing up at his office daily for the past three months and a similar number have been reported crossing the border and looking for work in the sorghum fields. "Over half a million people are affected by this drought," said Ibrahim.

According to the Ethiopian government, the worst hit areas are Tigre and Wollo provinces, roughly due east of here. Ibrahim estimated the famine was not as serious as in 1973 when about 200,000 Ethiopians reportedly died of starvation.

The aid effort inside Tigre is being carried out by the relief society of Tigre, which operates in rural areas under the control of the Tigre Peoples' Liberation Front. The TPLF has been fighting against the government for the past eight years.

Peter Parr, director of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees' office here, said the society was sending 208 truckloads of sorghum into Tigre monthly from Sudan.

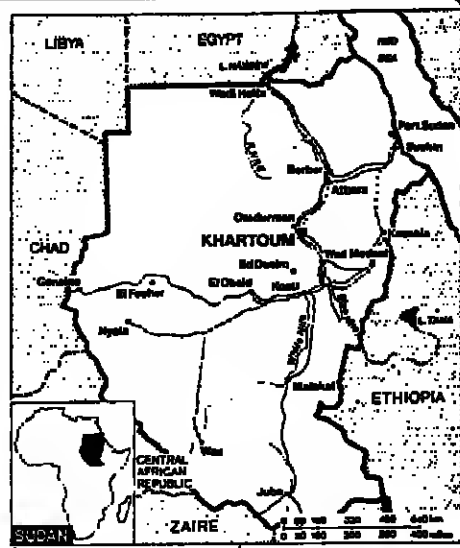
With 440,000 Ethiopians already living in Sudan, Ibrahim said he hoped the society

Habre concludes talks with Numeiri

KHARTOUM, Feb. 18 (AP) — Armed with a Sudanese pledge of support against any Libyan threats to his country, Chad President Hissene Habre left for home Friday following a three-day official visit.

Habre said before departing that his visit was an expression of Chadian-Sudanese "friendship and solidarity" and that his talks with President Jaafar Numeiri dealt with bilateral relations and "problems of Africa and the world."

There was a complete identity of views," Habre told reporters. Habre charged at a news conference here Thursday night that Libya, Chad's northern neighbor, posed a threat to his country. He spoke of a Libyan military buildup in the northern Chad region of Aouzou, which Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi annexed in 1977. He also accused Libya of sending armed mercenaries into Chad.



would be able to handle the new drought victims inside Tigre. "If the (refugee) situation inside Tigre collapses, then I would expect thousands more," he said.

The TPLF does not permit refugees to flee the province and the Ethiopian government does not allow them to travel without special permits. Those arriving here traveled on foot at night, for fear of being drafted into the army. "I left my family behind because I didn't have any food or clothes for them," said Gebre Amlak, 38, a father of four who said he walked with a dozen other men about 500 kilometers from his village near the central Tigrean city of Makele.

Like many others, Amlak came to find farm work. But the sorghum harvest in eastern Sudan also has been stunted by the drought. Jobs are scarce. Amlak and his compatriots are eating lentils and bread at the grass but settlement of Towawa, one of 23 U.N. camps in the eastern region housing some 90,000 Ethiopians.

The U.N. High Commission for Refugees budget for Sudan has increased from \$15 million in 1980 to \$25.5 million this year.

At 'mini-summit' Moi calls for OAU unity

NAIROBI, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — A "mini-summit" of 12 African leaders ended here Friday after four hours of talks aimed at resolving an internal crisis that threatens to destroy the Organization of African Unity (OAU), now entering its 20th year deeply divided.

There was no official word whether any progress had been made. One Kenyan official, who asked to remain anonymous, would only say that the committee of 12 would next meet in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital and site of the OAU headquarters.

At its start, Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, the current OAU chairman, urged the meeting to patch up differences over the Western Sahara's Polisario Front and the new regime in Chad which prevented the regional body from convening two scheduled summits last year in Tripoli, Libya.

"United, we shall remain strong," he said. "Divided, we shall be destroyed."

Calling the situation a "major crisis," for the regional body, Moi asked delegates to spare no effort to agree on a solution that would permit the convening of the long-delayed 19th summit of the OAU.

"I wish to appeal to all of you to let the spirit of compromise and fair play prevail," he told the meeting attended by 12 member countries, seven of which were represented by heads of state.

The Kenyan leader said the OAU's current rifts prevented the organization from addressing such critical issues as South African aggression, independence of Southwest Africa (Namibia) and an economic recession which, he said, affects "every African family."

Moi urged a practical solution to the Polisario and Chadian questions, warning that "any other outcome must lead to further polarization of the organization."

The Polisario Front, issued a statement saying that it would take part in all future meetings of the organization.

African diplomatic sources said the Polisario's stand appeared to be a major obstacle to holding the 19th summit. On the first occasion the meeting collapsed because of a boycott by members protesting against the admission of the Polisario which is fighting Morocco for control of the Western Sahara. In a gesture to its opponents the Polisario said it would withdraw from the 19th summit. But a second attempt to hold the meeting collapsed because of Libya's opposition to the seating of the Chadian government of Hissene Habre.

On December 21 the Polisario's self-styled Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) announced that it had changed its mind and would take part in all future OAU meetings.

American port bars Iraqi ship

PORT CANAVERAL, Florida, Feb. 18 (AP) — An Iraqi ship hauling \$500,000 worth of Brazilian citrus concentrate was denied access to an American port when U.S. officials learned that 19 Russians were aboard.

U.S. coast guard officials Wednesday told the crew of the cargo ship *Zafir Al Qasr* that it could not dock at Port Canaveral because of a possible threat to national security, said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Kilmek.

Eighteen Russian crew members and one captain were aboard the 144-meter vessel, said Kilmek.

The U.S. Defense Department permits crews from Soviet bloc nations to dock at 40 American ports, including three in Florida. Port Canaveral is not one of them. The ship was diverted to Tampa.

Ershad waves olive branch

DHAKA, Feb. 18 (R) — Bangladesh's military ruler Husein Muhammad Ershad Friday offered an olive branch to his civilian political opponents after violent student disturbances this week which have shaken the stability of his martial law government.

Speaking on national radio and television he proposed what he described as a "national dialogue" between the armed forces and all political groups to determine the country's future.

He said the talks would begin next month, the first anniversary of the bloodless military coup which brought him to power pledging to end corruption and misuse.

The general, criticized for his arbitrary rule, appeared to go out of his way Friday to show he was willing to consult with all political groups before deciding on his next step.

BRIEFS

BELGRADE (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan arrived Friday from Romania for a two-day visit and talks with Yugoslav leaders on the Middle East and other topics.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Ambassador Abdullah Amin Salah, born a Palestinian and once a U.N. official, presented his credentials as Jordan's permanent representative to the United Nations in a call on Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar Thursday. He succeeds another Palestinian, Hazem Nuseibeh, who has gone back to Jordan.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin's popularity has declined nearly 10 percent in the past six months, says a poll published Friday.

TEL AVIV (AP) — An Israel driver was wounded Thursday by gunshots fired in an apparent road ambush in the occupied West Bank, the military command said. It was the

second instance of shooting at Israeli cars in the West Bank in three days.

LONDON (AP) — Ethiopian forces have launched a new offensive against separatists in the province of Eritrea, a communiqué from the Eritrean Liberation Front said Friday. "Several villages have been destroyed and many civilians killed," the communiqué said.

PARIS (R) — Scores of prisoners in Tehran's Evin Jail were executed on Jan. 28, the Mujahadeen Organization said Friday. A statement issued by the group's Paris office listed Hussein Khorassani, a well-known merchant in the Bazaar of Gorgan, on the Caspian Sea, as one of the people alleged to have been shot.

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R) — Former Iranian Deputy Premier Sadeq Tabatabai went on trial Friday on drug smuggling charges, despite uncertainty over his claims to diplomatic status.

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In the face of budget deficit

Reagan warned of army aid cut

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — U.S. senators warned the Reagan administration that Congress was likely to cut its \$9.2 billion military aid request for next year.

Sen. Charles Percy, Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told administration officials at a hearing he recognized the aid was necessary to carry out U.S. policies. "On the other hand, in the face of a \$200 billion budget deficit, this committee will want to make its contribution to reducing that deficit," he said.

The committee's senior Democrat, Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, said it would be difficult for congressmen to justify approval of the full aid request in the face of a huge

federal budget deficit and high unemployment in their home states. The \$9.2 billion request for next year includes \$2.5 billion for Israel, \$2 billion for Egypt and a one-time reconstruction request of \$250 million for Lebanon.

The administration also requested an additional billion dollars for this year, including \$25 million for El Salvador. In a running dispute, the administration said that would make a total of \$140 million in aid to El Salvador this year because Congress already had approved \$115 million.

But Sen. Paul Sarbanes, a Maryland Democrat, accused the administration of "moving money around without regard for

Congress' will" because Congress approved only \$40 million for El Salvador.

Sarbanes also criticized the administration for asking for \$934 million for Turkey next year but only \$262 million for Greece. He said that would jeopardize negotiations on keeping U.S. bases in Greece.

"It's not helpful, not conducive to strengthening the (NATO) alliance," Percy, told representatives of the Reagan administration.

Percy, an Illinois Republican, questioned an administration argument that aid was much cheaper than having to deploy extra U.S. soldiers to Turkey in a crisis, because it would cost \$60,000 a year to maintain an American there against \$9,000 for a Turkish soldier.

William Schneider, undersecretary of state for security assistance, confirmed Percy's question on whether Turkish forces were occupying Cyprus instead of guarding against a Soviet bloc threat.

In response to a question from Sen. Claiborne Pell, Schneider said he assumed that most of the weapons the Turkish soldiers were armed with in Cyprus were "of American origin."

Pell, noting the administration assertion was to support democracy around the world, said, "Turkey is no democracy."

Schneider said keeping the Greek amount the same was "a negotiating tactic" and that it would be increased when there was a new U.S. military base agreement with Greece.

Sarbanes said this was "completely blowing apart" the tradition in the United States of giving Greece seven dollars in aid for every 10 dollars given Turkey.

Greek and U.S. negotiators began talks last October on continuing American bases in Greece. There are four major U.S. military bases there with a total of nearly 4,000 troops.

Beside the increase in arms grants, the administration would increase weapons loans to Turkey to \$525 million from \$290 million and decrease economic aid to \$175 million from \$250 million. Greece receives only military loans, not any arms grants or economic aid.

Schneider said Turkey faced a threat from the Soviets in the east and the Bulgarian and Soviets on the European side.

"The Soviets have a large deployment of three military districts" near eastern Turkey, Schneider said. "If there were to be an invasion of the Gulf, the invasion routes would be staged from the trans-Caucasus region."

Sarbanes criticized the administration for ignoring Congress' intent and saying it needed an additional \$10 million to meet the amount set aside by Congress last December for aid to refugees in Cyprus.

"We earmarked 15 million," Sarbanes said. "Only in the instance of Cyprus are you not honoring the earmark."



ACCUSED MAGISTRATE: An undated file picture of Italian magistrate Giuseppe Buongiorno, 69, arrested Thursday on charges of corruption for favoring the release of jailed right-wing extremists. Buongiorno was taken to the central city of Perugia to be interrogated by a magistrate investigating Buongiorno's alleged connections with rightist extremist organizations.

Danish policemen hurt in violence

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 18 (AP) — A flying brick shattered a policeman's jaw and several other officers were injured Friday in a street clash with youths who tried to take over a building in the decaying Noerrebrogade district, police said.

A police spokesman, who asked not to be named, said the violence started after "a large number of riot-clad police" routed about 100 young squatters from a building shortly before midnight.

He said the police action touched off "several hours of street fighting, in which several of our people were hurt, many shop windows were smashed and several refuse containers were set afire and pushed into the street."

The spokesman said he could not put numbers on the police who were injured nor on the damage. But he said 23 rioters were arrested and that some would be charged with "assault on police." Police did not say if any of the activists were injured.

Witnesses said rampaging youths smashed windows at more than 100 banks; and shops lining Noerrebrogade, the district's main thoroughfare. There were unofficial reports that about 130 police battled the rioters, and that two police cars were heavily damaged under a hail of bricks and cobblestones.

2 said executed in Chinese hijack

PEKING, Feb. 18 (AP) — Two men were executed this month and 12 others were jailed for attempting to hijack a Chinese ship with 900 passengers and divert it to Taiwan, Canadian Television reported Friday.

CTV correspondent Bob Hurst told the Associated Press by phone from Hong Kong that he recently saw and photographed two posters about the alleged Aug. 20 hijacking attempt. Such posters are usually court announcements.

It was not possible to independently confirm the report, and authorities in Fujian were not immediately available.

Hurst, quoting the posters, said that on Feb. 5 the public security bureau, or police, executed two men and sentenced 12 others to jail terms from three to 12 years for attempting to hijack the passenger ship *Muo Xing*.

The posters said the men had 13 hand grenades, eight detonator caps and knives, Hurst said.

The men tried to hijack the vessel in the port of Fuzhou and planned to divert it to the offshore island of Matsuo held by Taiwan, he quoted the posters as saying.

The executed ring leaders were identified as Liu De Chuan and Yu Chen Jiu, the posters were quoted as saying, but no details were given about them.

Police were tipped off by an informant who let the men board in Fuzhou, and they were later arrested, Hurst quoted the poster as saying.

Leaders called for talks

Pope may not visit Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 18 (AP) — Pope John Paul II summoned Nicaraguan church leaders to the Vatican Thursday for urgent consultations that could lead to cancellation of his visit to this nation, church officials said.

The talks come because of the "confusing situation in Nicaragua" involving the traditional Roman Catholic hierarchy here and a so-called "people's church" movement that supports the leftist Sandinista government, a church source said.

The source, who requested anonymity, said Managua archbishop Miguel Obando Bravo, Monsignor Julian Barri, the bishop of Leon, and papal nuncio Andrea Cordero Lanza, all were called to Rome to discuss the pope's scheduled March 4 visit here.

The Managua trip is part of a Latin American tour that includes visits to Costa Rica, Panama, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize and Haiti.

The pope has criticized five Nicaraguan priests who are defying a papal order against

clergymen holding political jobs. The five include Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto, a Maryknoll priest who says the local church hierarchy has unfairly portrayed him as being in rebellion against the Vatican.

The four other priests in the government here are Ernesto Cardenal, culture minister; Fernando Cardenal, head of the Sandinista Youth Movement; Alvaro Arguello, a member of the State Advisory Council, and Edgar Parrales, Nicaragua's ambassador to the Organization of American States in Washington.

The church hierarchy supported the 1979 Sandinista revolution that overthrew the government of rightist President Anastasio Somoza. But church leaders and priests later split over the hierarchy's charge that the Sandinistas had abandoned the goals of the revolution in favor of totalitarianism.

The so-called popular church is led by priests who favor the Sandinista government and oppose the local church hierarchy.

U.S. hijacker shifted to luxury hotel

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18 (AP) — An Iranian exile accused of hijacking a Texas commuter plane was transferred to a Mexico City luxury hotel while government officials decided Thursday whether to give him safe conduct out of the country or extradite him to the United States.

Mexican sources involved in the case confirmed local news reports that Hussein Shey Kolya, 37, was transferred from federal police facilities to a luxury suite at the capital's Camino Real Hotel.

"He's living like a king, the only thing he doesn't have there is a girlfriend," said the source, directly connected to the police investigation of the case. The source spoke on condition he not be identified.

The U.S. Embassy, meanwhile, said the

United States is in the process of seeking extradition of Kolya, an ex-Iranian Air Force pilot.

Kolya, wielding a machine gun, seized a Rio Airways commuter plane with 20 persons Tuesday, forcing the pilot to divert the plane from Killeen, Texas, across the U.S. border to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. He freed his hostages and was flown Tuesday night by federal authorities to Mexico City, 1,250 kilometers south of the border.

The Mexican Foreign Ministry was quoted Thursday as saying it would consider a U.S. extradition request under a bilateral treaty between the nations. But spokesman Augustin Gutierrez said such a request has not been received.

Clark's kidneys and lungs improve

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 18 (AP) — Artificial heart recipient Barney Clark's kidneys and lungs improved slightly Thursday, but he still was using a respirator intermittently, hospital officials said.

Meanwhile, the Salt Lake City-based company that markets the mechanical heart announced Thursday it has received funding that will help accelerate the development of a portable drive system for Clark's heart and for an artificial hearing system.

"Dr. Barney B. Clark's kidney and lung functions are slightly improved Thursday," said a statement released by John Dwno, University of Utah Medical Center spokes-

man. Clark, in his 78th day of the heart, was in fair condition in the hospital's surgical intensive care unit.

Clark was moved to a private room for two days early this week, but was returned to intensive care late Tuesday when his lungs and kidneys began to function poorly.

Clark has suffered for years from mild emphysema and has had mild kidney failure brought on by the cardiomyopathy that afflicted his natural heart before it was replaced Dec. 2. Before the Tuesday complications, Clark had been off a respirator for more than a week.

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As talks end in failure

Leader says Sikhs lose faith in statute

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The leader of the Sikh party said that his community had lost faith in the Indian constitution, as the third round of tripartite talks ended here without a settlement over the Sikh demands for greater autonomy for the predominantly Sikh state of Punjab.

Akali Dal (Party) Chairman Sant Harchand Longowal told a meeting at Amritsar that the constitution had failed to "protect them and their rights", the Press Trust of India (PTI) quoted him as saying.

Longowal, however, did not make any reference to the just ended abortive talks in New Delhi between the government, opposition parties and Sikh representatives. The latest talks had begun Tuesday and resumed Thursday.

PTI said Longowal warned of serious consequences unless the government conceded the Sikhs' demands by Feb. 21, the day when

the post-dated resignations of all the Sikh state legislators and deputies in the Indian Parliament are to come into effect automatically.

He said 37 members of the Punjab legislature and four deputies in parliament had resigned because of what he called the failure of the Indian statute to protect the community and their rights.

Longowal said both the Punjab and federal administrations would not be able to face the situation that would follow unless the Sikh demands are accepted before the new deadlines set, adding that he himself would not be able to control the Sikhs any more in such an eventuality.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the meantime told a meeting of her Congress Party's parliamentary group that her government was willing to agree to the Sikhs' various religious demands but advised them to find a negotiated solution. Threats and counterthreats would not help them, she pointed out.

The issues mainly figuring at the latest talks were arrangements for distribution of river waters among Punjab and neighboring Haryana and Rajasthan states and merger of Punjabi-speaking areas in adjacent states with Punjab. On neither issue was agreement reached, PTI said.

Mexico hails British queen

ACAPULCO, Mexico, Feb. 18 (AP) — A white-uniformed marine honor guard and a navy band greeted Queen Elizabeth II of Britain with a 21-gun salute and "God save the queen" as she arrived at this sun-splashed Pacific coast resort Thursday afternoon to begin an eight-day cruise and official visit to Mexico.

Thousands of American tourists as well as local residents lined Miguel Aleman Avenue along the coast in the near 90-degree heat to catch a glimpse of the 57-year-old monarch and Prince Philip as they drove in an open air vehicle to the royal yacht *Britannia*, docked downtown.

Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid, his wife Paloma and the diplomatic corps received the royal couple when they arrived aboard a Royal Air Force jet flying a small Mexican flag and the royal standard.

The queen, reviewed the honor guard with De la Madrid at her side. De la Madrid left the queen at the *Britannia* to host a reception for the press. He gave a dinner in honor of the royal couple Thursday night.

Diplomatic sources said British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, who arrived Thursday morning, met with Mexican Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda and discussed a wide range of issues. Among the topics were oil prices, the political turmoil in Central America, including tense relations between Belize, a former British colony, and Guatemala, the high debt burden of Third World nations and bilateral relations, the sources said.

Peaceniks confident of winning missiles war

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP) — Against a background of familiar banners, "together we can stop the bomb", Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament on Thursday celebrated its 25th birthday, membership and confidence booming despite decades of past failure.

Veteran peaceniks, including opposition Labor Party leader Michael Foot, 69, historian A.J.P. Taylor, 75, who marched and composed pamphlets through the years while Britain acquired a nuclear arsenal, were grayer but unbowed.

They and the CND, whose paid membership increased nearly sixfold to 53,000 and associate supporters to 250,000 in three years, believe at last they've found a winner — banning U.S. nuclear Cruise missiles due to be deployed in Britain by December.

"If the nuclear arms race is not stopped, then it is the Hitler of tomorrow who will have the bomb," said Foot, as a line-up of past founders and present leaders clustered round a birthday cake in the shape of the international peace symbol.

Said CND Director Monsignor Bruce Kent: "We are becoming an effective political force... banning Cruise and Trident are attainable objectives in the very near future."

The CND anniversary, in the Methodist central hall near the Houses of Parliament where the movement was founded in 1953, came as both sides reach back into history amid heightened rhetoric, law suits and the jailing this week of 36 women peace campaigners.

Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, determined to deploy Cruise and contracted to update Britain's Polaris nuclear missiles with a \$12 billion U.S. Trident system, set a new angry tone Feb. 12.

She declared one-sided disarmament by the allies would have kept Hitler in power for 1,000 years. The CND and Labor accused her of Nazi-style tactics, and likened her to Hitler's propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels.

"I won't waste my time commenting on Mrs. Thatcher's rewriting of history," said Taylor at the anniversary.

From the Oxford University don to young women activists, hair tumbling over headbands, the CND remembered the most famous among its founders, philosopher Bertrand Russell.

"We respect and admire those who had the vision to start the

campaign in the first place and who never gave up," said Kent.

After the marches of the 1960s, the CND spent years in the doldrums, re-emerging after NATO's December 1979 decision to deploy 572 Cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in five West European nations in response to the Soviet buildup of medium-range SS-20 missiles.

Its unilateralist platform is still rejected by the majority of Britons, opinion polls show. But the CND takes heart from recent soundings which show majorities opposed to Cruise.

Foot described the women who have set up a permanent peace camp outside the U.S. Air Force Greenham Common Base, 80 kilometers west of London, where the first Cruises will arrive, as performing a "wonderful service to the whole world."

Thirty-six of the women were jailed for two weeks Wednesday after refusing to be bound over to keep the peace. They were among 42 who scaled Greenham's perimeter fence New Year's day and sat down atop the missile silos before being carried off by police. The women now regularly confront police by blockading entrances and scaling the fence.

The CND launched a "public education fund" Thursday to counter the government's stepped up campaign since New Year to convince Britons Cruise must come unless there is a superpower disarmament agreement.

"The Soviet leadership must understand that their remorseless military buildup, their deployment of the SS-20s and their use of force beyond their own borders, constitute a threat to peace," Mrs. Thatcher told the House of Commons soon after the CND ceremony Thursday.

Earlier, a high court judge refused a CND attempt to have banned a pamphlet parodying its most popular leaflet and carrying the Soviet hammer and sickle instead of the peace symbol.

The pamphlet was the work of a right-wing, pro-nuclear group, Coalition for Peace Through Security, whose leadership includes a prospective Conservative Party parliamentary candidate and former Thatcher aide, lawyer Edward Leigh.

Judge Sir Jean Pierre Warner ruled injunctions should not be used "to restrain free speech and certainly not political controversy."

Nigeria to aid expelled aliens

COTONOU, Feb. 18 (AFP) — Nigeria is giving a million dollars to aid the two million citizens of its fellow-members of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) who were expelled from Nigeria recently.

Beninese head of state and ECOWAS chairman, Col. Mathieu Kerekou, made the announcement after he returned Wednesday from a 24-hour visit to Lagos. President Kerekou went to Lagos at the request of heads of state of neighboring countries to seek an explanation of the expulsion from Nigerian President Shehu Shagari.

Saying he was "satisfied" with his visit, Col. Kerekou added, "we are totally prepared to examine within ECOWAS concrete proposals for helping all the countries which have had to bear the weight of those expelled from Nigeria."

Nearly two million people are estimated to have passed through neighboring Benin on their way to Ghana, Togo, Upper Volta and Niger.

Thapa U.S. trip said successful

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The just-completed official visit to Washington of Nepalese Premier Surya Bahadur Thapa was termed "extremely successful" Thursday by both American and Nepalese officials.

The prime minister, who had a "useful exchange of views" with Vice President George Bush, left for London Thursday and will be going on to Bangladesh before returning to Nepal, the officials added.

A senior Nepalese diplomat told AFP that the prime minister was very pleased with the results of the talks he had with the vice president and with his meeting on Monday with secretary of State George Shultz and with the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Nicholas Velonis. These discussions centered on bilateral relations, the diplomat added.

S.A.-Angola pact seen

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The U.S. State Department indicated Thursday that Angola and South Africa had moved toward a ceasefire in their conflict in Southwest Africa.

"Both sides appear to have decided that there would be an advantage to them to show military restraint," said State Department spokesman John Hughes. But he refused to confirm press reports that they had worked out a truce during December talks in the Cape Verde capital, Praia.

Any ceasefire, even partial, would be a "positive step," Hughes said. A second round of Cape Verde talks are to be held shortly. South Africa insists that withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and a ceasefire along Angola's border with Namibia are essential preconditions for any settlement on Namibia.

Swedish ads seek tip-off on sneaking subs

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 18 (AP) — The Swedish Navy, stung by past failures to detect intruding Soviet bloc submarines, is taking out ads asking the public to phone immediately if it sees anything suspicious.

"Two persons see more than one," the navy said this week in a newspaper ad which carried a drawing of a menacing submarine periscope.

The ad is part of a public relations campaign which also includes a brochure listing navy phone numbers to call depending on where along the 1,628-mile island-strewn coastline a sighting is made.

Copies of the brochure were available at a navy stand at a pleasure boat fair opening this week in the capital.

Capt. Sven Carlsson, a navy press officer, said the navy in the past has been getting many phone calls from people reporting suspected sightings.

But some witnesses apparently don't believe their own eyes or are afraid to make a fool of themselves, he said. So they decide not

to call authorities, or are slow in doing it.

He estimated more than 90 percent of all submarine hunts have been initiated after phone calls from the public. There have been dozens of searches for intruding subs in the last few years.

For two weeks last October, the navy carried out a frustrating hunt for suspected Soviet-bloc submarines in the Stockholm archipelago. The search began after a periscope was sighted by sailors near Musko, a top secret naval base.

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hotels, shops, gasoline stations and one police station, the news agency said.

CELAYA, Mexico (AFP) — At least 11 persons were killed near this city in central Mexico Thursday when a passenger bus swerved into the wrong lane and ran head-on into a small car, highway patrol officers reported.

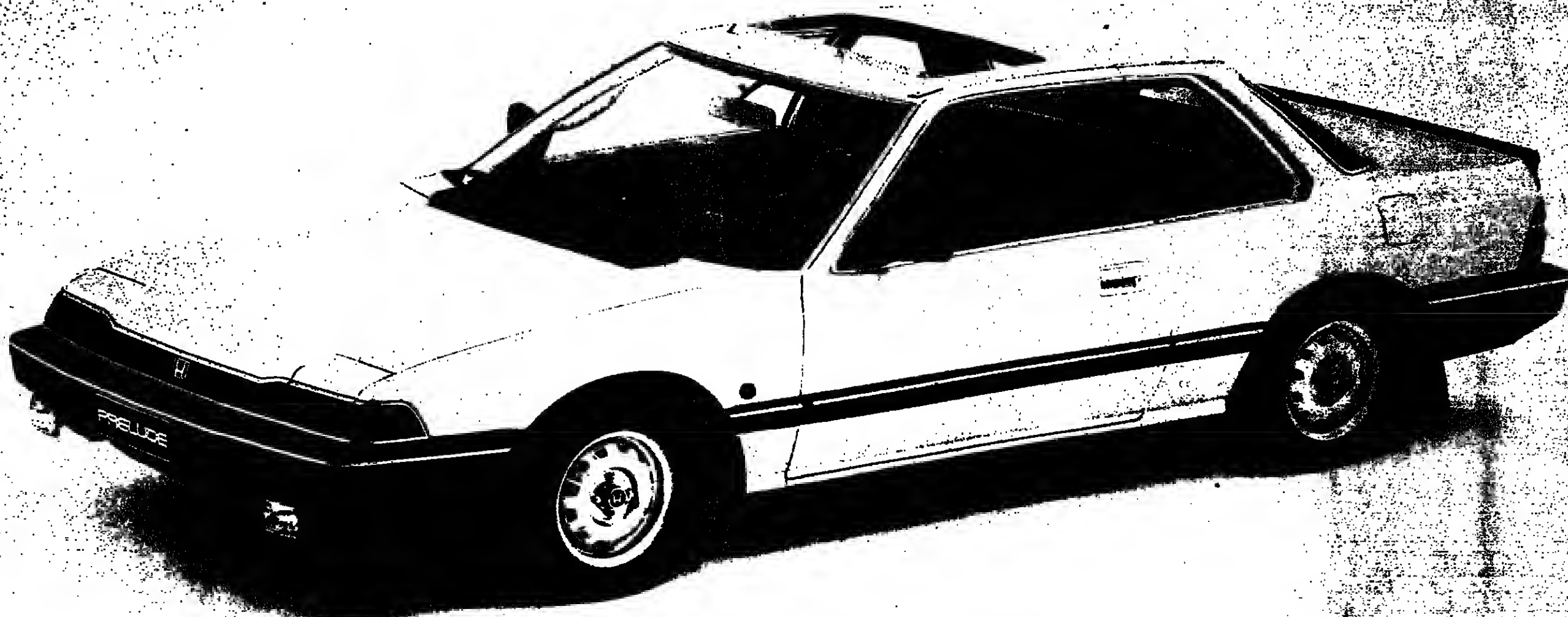
WASHINGTON (R) — Barbara Watson, the first woman and the first black to become an assistant U.S. secretary of state, died here Thursday at age of 64, her family said. She also served as ambassador to Malaysia in the Carter administration, retiring in 1981.

MILAN, Italy (AFP) — Tancredi Fasern,

one of Italy's most celebrated opera bass singers, died here Thursday at the age of 90. Pasero was one of the pillars of the Scala Opera House here for 25 years during which he appeared 435 times. A great friend of Enrico Caruso and Feodor Chaliapin, Pasero retired suddenly from the opera scene in 1952 after an argument with the Scala orchestra conductor.

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Ashok Kumar Sarkar, one of the major figures of the Indian newspaper industry, died here Thursday of a cerebral stroke. He was 70. Sarkar was the editor in chief and chief executive of Calcutta's Ananda Bazar Patrika group.

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As rookie Cummings shines

Clippers record 'golden' victory

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP) — Rookie Terry Cummings scored 37 points, his National Basketball Association high, and added 15 rebounds as the San Diego Clippers rolled to a 112-102 victory over the Golden State Warriors Thursday night.

The triumph improved San Diego's record since Dec. 25 to 14-13 after a 4-23 start. In that same span, Cummings was named NBA rookie of the month in January with a 23.5-point average and has been even more impressive in February with a 27.7 norm.

Tom Chambers scored 16 points and center Bill Walton had 12 points and eight assists to complement Cummings, who scored 13 points in the final period to establish his season high. The Warriors were led by center Joe Barry Carroll, with 30 points, and guard Ron Brewer, who had 27.

In other NBA games, New York beat Cleveland 108-92, Denver tripped New Jersey 117-108, Detroit edged Houston 113-110, Los Angeles bombed Dallas 127-110 and Portland defeated Boston 121-114.

Indians begin

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 18 (AP) — The Indian cricket team suffered an embarrassing opening day to their West Indies tour Thursday when they were bowled out for 185 by a Jamaica team which then replied strongly with 79 for one wicket by the close of play.

The Jamaicans, bottom of the standings in the regional West Indian Shell Shield Tournament, rested Test fast bowler Michael Holding and fielded an attack which included two first-timers and another player in only his second match.

Yet the Indians, less than three days after their arrival in Kingston and still feeling their way, could not make the most of their opportunity of batting first on an ideal pitch in good weather after captain Kapil Dev had won the toss.

They lost opening batsman Arun Lal,

Willis full of praise for Aussies

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 18 (AP) — England captain Bob Willis here Thursday delivered his eulogy over the still smouldering embers of cricket's hottest summer. It was one of the most unexpected of 100 such summers.

"The Ashes series," Willis said, "was the most sportsmanlike I can remember." Considering the controversies of the past months Willis, leaving these shores brave but beaten, deserved some sort of award for diplomacy. "We had some disappointments," he added.

"I had some problems with my bowling although I was quite fit. After the second Test in Brisbane I was bowling too many no-balls, running on the wicket and lost at least a yard in pace," he said.

Lakers 127, Mavericks 110: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 32 points and Norm Nixon and Earvin "Magic" Johnson added 25 each for the Lakers. Los Angeles, which outscored the Mavericks 55-39, outscored Dallas 27-17 in the fourth period by hitting 12 of 14 shots in the quarter.

Nuggets 117, Nets 108: Alex English hit 15 of 17 free throws and had 33 points and 14 rebounds to lift Denver over New Jersey. Kiki Vandeweghe added 28 points for the Nuggets, who came back to beat the Nets one night after they had trailed Philadelphia by 32 points at halftime and lost by 21.

Trail Blazers 121, Celtics 114: Kenny Carr scored 26 points, 10 of them in the final period, as Portland handed Boston its first loss to a Pacific Division team this season.

Jim Paxson, who added 25 points for the Blazers, had eight during a 12-0 run that gave Portland its biggest lead, 84-66, with 7:47 left in the third period.

Pistons 113, Rockets 110: John Long and Terry Tyler each had three baskets as Detroit

outscored Houston 28-16 down the stretch to overcome a 10-point deficit in the final minutes. Tyler finished with 25 points, while Elvin Hayes paced the Rockets with 24.

Knicks 108, Cavaliers 92: New York defeated Cleveland for the 18th straight time in the last three years as Bill Cartwright led the Knicks with 25 points. Bernard King, who had not played since Jan. 14 because of an ankle injury, added 19 for the Knicks, who snapped the Cavaliers' four-game winning streak.

Meanwhile, Real Madrid defeated Maccabi 95-92 (41-45) Thursday in a match of the six-team, ten-game, final phase of the European Basketball Cup of Champions in Madrid.

The match was very even, with Maccabi leading half way through the game, while Real Madrid played with very fast attacks and took the lead in the second half. The match was played at Real Madrid's Sports Pavilion before an estimated crowd of 5,000 fans.

Windies tour on dismal note

caught at second slip, and Mobinder Amarnath, bowled offering a rash stroke, both to teenage fast bowler Courtenay Walsh to leave the score 12 for two. They never really recovered from that position.

Dilip Vengsarkar played a polished innings of 42 but he was out to a brilliant catch by newcomer wicketkeeper Prince Francis off medium pacer Aaron Daley, also playing his first first-class match, just after lunch with the total at 86 for four.

When Yashpal Sharma followed shortly afterwards, bowled by Daley, the cream of the Indian batting had been dismissed and they never recovered. All rounder Ravi Shastri played soundly for 35 and Kapil Dev himself threatened to pull his team round with some robust hitting for 23. But both were dismissed by off spinner Errol Wilson, one of the several Jamaican rookies in the match.

The Indians were dismissed soon after the tea break and the Jamaican batsmen then found little difficulty in scoring 79 for the loss of opening batsman Ormendo Peters by the close of play. The other opening batsman Colin Fletcher is 28 not out and left hander George Powell is 31.

The match against Jamaica is the only one before the Indians start their first Test against the West Indies here next Wednesday. A disappointingly small crowd watched the first day of the tour.

Meanwhile, conservative MP John Carlisle is unshaken in his determination to force the MCC to send a cricket team to South Africa, despite the announcement in London of the committee's overwhelming rejection of his plan.

Carlisle, leader of the Freedom in Sport campaign, said: "My determination to go ahead with a special general meeting and the consequent postal ballot is undiminished. I believe MCC members will want to express their views on the subject of resuming links with South Africa."

After turning down Carlisle's proposal, the MCC officials braced themselves for the sort of long-running, divisive controversy that lay at the heart of the Basil D'Oliviera affair 15 years ago.

Secretary Jack Bailey said: "In the interests of world cricket we have to maintain a consistent attitude toward South Africa who have been excluded from Test cricket for a dozen years now." In a prepared statement, Bailey pointed out that a resumption of relations with South Africa by the club would put back the day when the republic was allowed back into the Test match fold.



Chinaglia ... to stay with Cosmos

Sercu to retire from cycling

MILAN, Italy, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The Belgian cyclist Patrick Sercu, a former Olympic and world champion, will put an end to an outstanding career spanning 18 years here Saturday.

The 37-year-old Sercu's final competitive appearance before his retirement will come on the last day of the Milan Six Days Cycling event.

Sercu, a road and track racer, began his career at the Antwerp, Belgium Six-Day event in 1965. His long list of successes includes 59 official titles with a gold medal in both the Olympics and World Championships.

Sercu told the Milan Daily *Il Corriere Della Sera*: "My decision goes back to last winter and the Six-Day event at Berlin where, for the first time, I no longer enjoyed what I was doing."

Sercu will not be lost to cycling altogether because he has been promised a job as coach to the Belgian national track squad. He will be also manager of a cycle track in his native country.

Meanwhile, Italy's Francesco Moser and his Dutch partner Rene Pijnen consolidated their position as overall leaders of the Milan Six-Day Cycling event Thursday.

They won the 31 lap American version race and by the end of the day led the standings with 111 points. The Austrian pair of Henry Rinklin and Sekky Viggini were in second place on 74 points.

Despite business commitments

Chinaglia to keep boots on

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP) — Giorgio Chinaglia, making "one of the toughest decisions of my life," has decided to return as a player in 1983 with the North American Soccer League (NASL) champion Cosmos.

Chinaglia, the most prolific goal-scorer in the history of American soccer, turned 36 in January and said Thursday he only made the decision to return after lengthy deliberation.

"I have a lot of long-range business projects under way for the future, and they are demanding more and more of my time," said Chinaglia, the Cosmos captain, "I knew that if I decided to play, it would have to take up 100 percent of my time, effort and concentration because that's the way I am."

"But then, on the other hand, I still feel great physically. I've worked out all winter and I'm as fit as ever, and I know the thrill is still there. When the ball hits the back of the net and I don't feel that special euphoria, I know it's decided and I'll bow out right away," he added.

Chinaglia, who is from Italy but became an American citizen in 1978, owns every NASL

scoring record for a career, for a season and for a game. He has scored 175 regular-season goals in seven seasons and 48 more in playoff action, including international appearances. Chinaglia has scored 372 goals in 380 games in a Cosmos uniform and 662 in his entire 20-year soccer career.

Meanwhile, the Seattle Sounders are looking for a new head coach and they may be looking for a new No. 1 goalkeeper as well.

Paul Hammond, a 29-year-old native of Britain, who was the Sounders' regular goalkeeper in 1982, says the Seattle management wants him to play at a lower salary in 1983. His contract with the Sounders, of more than \$60,000 a year, expired last November. "They want me to take quite a considerable pay cut and I feel I'm being treated very unfairly," Hammond said.

The Sounders are being run by interim coach Bobby Howe, who is filling in while the Seattle management searches for a permanent replacement for Alan Hinton, fired last month after serving as head coach for three years.

Mikkola for Kenyan Rally

KENYA, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — Flying Finn Hannu Mikkola and French ace woman driver Michele Mouton will pilot the two works Audi Quattro team in the 1983 Marlboro Safari Rally, which has attracted 69 entries, to be held here.

Also in the fray are two other Finns — Ari Vatanen and Rauno Aaltonen — who will be leading the Opel works' charge in the grueling Rally. While Vatanen will have Terry Harryman as his crew, Aaltonen has the experienced Lofy Drews as his navigator.

Mikkola and Mouton will rely on their reliable partners Arne Hertz and Fabrizio Pons respectively to lend weight to the Audi challenge in the Rally. The Audi more favored for snowy and slippery surfaces will be trying to establish its superiority on the Rally.

Former winner Shekhar Mehta will be trying to repeat his success in a Nissan 240 RS along with Rob Coombes. While Jayant Shah, winner of the Himalayan Rally, will partner Aslam Khan in another Nissan 240 RS. Other fancied local drivers, who have entered the race, are Mike Kirkland, Johnny Hellier and Rob Collinge.

The Japanese contingent is as strong as ever, with Kosaki, Takahashi and Takaoka members of the Subaru team. Other private entrants include Iwashita and Kojimoto with Iwase, who has built up a reputation for himself in Japan, being the new comer.

Notables from Europe include veteran race and Rally driver Vic Eford in a Subaru with Kenyan Chris Bates, British long-distance driver Tony Fowkes and from Germany Dieter Dehmel, Wolfgang Siller, Hans Schuller and Bernd Strahl. The Italian to be seen in action is former-world champion Sandro Munari — this time in an Alfa Romeo.

The youngsters are also out in force with 21-year-olds Ian Duncan, Keith Morris and Lynda Morgan, while the baby of the Rally is Philip Morris aged 20.

Meanwhile the first Trans-China Car Rally to be held from May 1 to Shanghai attracted 32 entries, including seven from Japan. It was announced jointly by the China Motor Sports Association and the Hong Kong Automobile Association.

Organizers expect the field to increase to around 60 by the time the 3,400 km (2,125 miles) Rally starts from Hong Kong. The course consists of 900 km (560 miles) on 26 sections of gravel roads — special time trials — and 2,500 km (1,560 miles) on asphalt roads. It winds through six Chinese provinces — Guangdong, Hunan, Hubei, Henan, Shandong and Hebei, crossing the Yangtze and Yellow rivers.

Kong Qingwen of the Chinese Association said, however, it was still too premature for Chinese cars to participate in the Rally.

Flyers give Oilers slip

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP) — Paul Holmgren and Brian Propp scored early first-period goals and launched the Philadelphia Flyers to a 2-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers Thursday night in the National Hockey League. It was the ninth victory against two losses and a tie in the last 12 games for the Flyers, who remain atop the NHL's Patrick Division.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Minnesota scored a resounding victory over Quebec. North Stars Ben Bellows and Willie Plett each scored twice to lead Minnesota to a 6-3 victory over Quebec. The victory was the fifth straight for the North Stars.



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Connors crushes Ramirez

Leconte takes set off seeded Gene Mayer

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 18 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors crushed Raul Ramirez of Mexico 6-3, 6-3 to advance into the quarterfinals of the \$150,000 U.S. National Indoor Tennis Tournament.

Also advancing to the round of last eight were third-seeded Gene Mayer, who dropped the first set before steamrolling over Frenchman Henri Leconte, and the No. 4 seed France's Yannick Noah, who recovered from a leg injury to defeat Buster Mottram of Britain.

Mayer eliminated Leconte 1-6, 6-0, 6-0, while Noah took 81 minutes to dispose of Mottram 7-5, 6-2. Noah also needed a cortisone injection to ease the pain in his left knee after the clash.

While Gene was meeting out the punishment to Leconte, his brother was at the receiving end at the hands of No. 5 seed Peter McNamara of Australia. After winning the first set, Sandy was beaten by the tenacious Australian 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.

In other early matches, No. 8 Elliot Teltscher ousted Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia 6-4, 6-0; No. 10 Brian Gottfried ousted Fritz Buehning 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, and No. 11 Brian Teacher advanced when Chip Hooper was forced to retire with tendinitis of the left knee. Teacher was leading 7-6, 4-3 when Hooper, who had his knee bandaged earlier in the second set, had to quit.

The big-serving American, Hooper, had upset two fancied players in the first two rounds, while Buehning, who also met his Waterloo at the hands of Gottfried, had been the stumbling block for second-seeded Mats Wilander. Australian Paul McNamee put paid to Mike DePalmer's hopes of making the last eight with a 6-1, 1-6, 7-6 victory.

Meanwhile, Bolivian Mario Martinez and Paraguayan Victor Pecci moved into the quarterfinals of the \$88,000 Grand Prix Tournament in Vina Del Mar Thursday.

Martinez defeated Marcel Freeman of the U.S. 6-7, 7-5, 6-2, and Pecci downed Argentine Gustavo Tiberti 6-2, 6-4. In doubles competition, Brazilians Julio Goes and Ney Keller defeated Chileans Jaime Pinto and Patricio Cornejo 3-6, 6-3, 7-6. Ricardo Icaza of Ecuador and Jose Luis Damiani of Uruguay defeated Uruguayan Hogo Roberan and Colombian Javier Restrepo 6-2, 4-6, 7-6.

In Chicago top-seeded Martina Navratilova mowed down Czech Iva Budarova 6-1, 6-1, joining two other women advancing into the quarterfinal round of the \$150,000 Virginia Slims of Chicago Tournament.

Earlier in the day, unseeded Eva Pfaff stunned fellow-West German Sylvia Hanika, the No. 6 seed, in a three-setter 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Pam Shriver needed a tiebreaker to defeat Claudia Kohde of West Germany 7-6, (7-5), 6-3.

Despite some spirited play, the Czech-born Navratilova needed just 44 minutes to beat her 23-year-old opponent. The world's ranking woman player let Budarova escape with her service intact just once in the first set, and then used breaks in the third and seventh games to capture the second set.



CRASH VICTIM: Race driver Bruce Jacob is removed from his NASCAR Pontiac after a spectacular cartwheeling crash on the back stretch of the Daytona Speedway during qualification trials for the National Stock Car race Thursday. Jacob was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was said to be critical.

Borg to boost Brabham-BMW

SESTRIERES, Italy, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The retirement of tennis superstar Bjorn Borg may have brought misery for his fans — but it has brought joy worth \$5.5 million to Formula One racing team



Borg ... still a big name

Brabham. The Italian sportswear firm Fila were the Swedish maestro's main sponsors, until Borg decided to quit last month. Now, it was announced here Thursday, Fila are switching their attentions to motor-racing and Bernie Ecclestone's Brabham-BMW team which was the only leading Formula One outfit still without a sponsor.

Fila are pumping \$5.5 million in sponsorship into Brabham whose drivers are Brazil's Nelson Piquet and the Italian Riccardo Patrese. Brabham, previously sponsored by another Italian company, have had talks with the Japanese Hi-Fi company Pioneer for the same figure as that worked out with Fila.

But negotiations fell through because the two sides could not agree on the length of advertising slogan.

The new Brabham-BMW cars, which have been built in the strictest secrecy by South African constructor Gordon Murray, are due to have run-outs at the Brands Hatch Track in England next week. The cars will be on show at the headquarters of BMW, who have built the turbo compressor engines in Munich, West Germany on March 3. They will then on three days trials on the Jacarepagua Track in Brazil.

By boxing commission for 90 days Cervantes' license revoked

BOGOTA, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — Former world welterweight champion Antonio Cervantes has had his boxing license taken away for 90 days after being accused of creating a public scandal.

The license was revoked by the Boxing Commission after the 38-year-old boxer had created a public scene. The commission also imposed a 90-day suspension on former world amateur bantamweight champion Miguel Maturana and a two-year suspension on Colombian lightweight Leonidas Asprilla. Maturana was accused of physical aggression against his family, while Asprilla of violation of private property.

Meanwhile, Eusebio Pedrosa of Panama, the World Boxing Council (WBC) Featherweight champion, has injured a tendon in his ankle while training and asked challenger Rocky Lockridge of the United States, to postpone next month's title bout, a representative for Pedrosa said Thursday.

The Panamanian's legal representative, Santiago Del Rio, told newsmen Pedrosa hurt an achilles tendon but gave no details, the No. 2 ranked Lockridge and Pedrosa were scheduled to fight March 2 at Las Vegas, Nevada, for the WBC crown.

In London, boxing promoter Frank Warren has offered French European

On day marred by crashes Bonnett steals the show

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb. 18 (AP) — Journeyman driver Bruce Jacob was critically injured Thursday in one of two spectacular cartwheeling crashes that marred the UNO Twin 125-mile (201 km) qualifying races for the Daytona 500.

Neil Bonnett and Dale Earnhardt maneuvered through the accident-filled sprints and overtook two of racing's biggest names, Richard Petty and A.J. Foyt, on the last laps to win the qualifiers and earn second-row starts in Sunday's \$1 million Grand National Stock Car race.

Pole-winner Ricky Rudd and Geoff Bodine clinched the front-row positions by posting the fastest qualifying speeds Monday. The 47-year-old Jacob, from Speedway, Indiana, suffered what a Speedway spokesman described as a brain injury. He was taken to Halifax Hospital, where he was listed in critical but stable condition in intensive surgical care. His crackup was in the first 125-mile (201 km) race.

Rusty Wallace, from Valley Park, Mis-

souri, in the second race, was involved in a crash that was virtually a carbon copy of Jacob's, and he also was taken to the hospital. The track spokesman said the 26-year-old Wallace was being held overnight for observation with a strained neck and a mild concussion.

Jacob was running alone when his Grand Prix ran off the inside of the track coming off the second turn. As it flipped through the infield grass, the car's top was torn off—leaving only the steel roll-cage—and both ends were badly mangled.

Wallace's Buick Regal wound up in similar shape. A second crash in the opening race and several other tangles in the second qualifier were less serious. No injuries were reported.

The qualifying victories were worth \$18,000 each to Bonnett and Earnhardt, and 14 of the top 15 finishers in each race on Daytona's 2.5-mile (4 km), high-banked tri-oval earned starting places in Sunday's 500. Earnhardt averaged 154.746 mph (249.033 kph) in the first race, while Bonnett finished the 50 laps with an average of 122.183 mph (196.626 kph).

Bonnett slipped his Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS past Petty, a seven-time Daytona 500 winner, two turns from the end and held off a strong move by Petty's Pontiac Grand Prix to take the second race by three-quarters of a car length.

In the first race, Earnhardt, with drafting help from Buddy Baker, whipped his 1983 Ford Thunderbird around Foyt on the backstretch of the last lap. Foyt's Monte Carlo SS had taken the top spot on the 28th lap of the first race and stayed until the 50th lap. Then the second-placed Earnhardt and third-placed Baker pulled low on the track and, using their own draft, shot past Foyt.

Kyle Petty, Richard's son, driving a Pontiac Grand Prix, also got past the four-time Indianapolis 500 winner and finished third. Foyt finished fourth, followed by Joe Ruttman, Harry Gant, Rudd, David Pearson and Bill Elliott. Cale Yarborough was third in the second race, followed by Dick Brooks, Mark Martin, Benny Parsons and Bodine.

Earlier, defending champion Bobby Allison had wrecked his second car in two days Tuesday in the preliminaries itself. Allison, who crashed in a new Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS during Monday's busch chase, was practicing Tuesday in the team's backup car, the Buick Regal in which Allison won the 1982 Daytona 500 and the Firecracker 400 on the same track.

Norman spurts to two-stroke advantage

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 18 (AP) — Australian Greg Norman grabbed a two-stroke lead after the second round of the \$100,000 Australian Masters Golf Championship here Friday.

Norman fired a six under-par-67, the best round so far in the tournament, to lead Spanish Seve Ballesteros and Australian Ian Stanley. One stroke further back was South Australian Roger Stephens, who shot a one-under-par 72.

Norman, who has a two round total of 141 after an opening round 74, said he was far more relaxed this week than he had been during last week's Victorian Open at the neighboring Metropolitan course. Norman finished second last Sunday to Bob Shearer after winning a two-stroke lead.

Meanwhile, in La Jolla, California, Jon Chaffee, a struggling young golf pro who didn't compete in the 1982 tour, fired a seven-under-par 65 for the first-round lead Thursday in the Isuzu-Andy Williams San Diego Open. He had a one-stroke lead over a

foursome that included a rejuvenated Ben Crenshaw.

Playing no-bogey golf in Torrey Pines' less demanding north course, Chaffee was aided by two eagles during his rounds of 32 and 33. He finished the day by sinking a 15-foot putt on his last-hole for an eagle on the par-5, 497-yard No. 9.

Tom Jenkins, Bruce Fleisher and Scott Simpson were tied for second with Crenshaw at 66. Two strokes back were Bob Gilder, Barry Jaekel and Gary McCord. Eight players were three strokes back, including the quartet Tom Kite, Lon Hinkle, D.A. Weir and Bill Calfee, who carved out their scores on the tougher south course. Par for both courses is 72.

Jack Renner, who lost the Hawaiian Opeo on a miracle shot by Japan-born Isao Aoki, was 10 strokes off the pace. Tom Watson, who is bidding to become the first three-time winner at San Diego, had an even-par 72 on the south course.

Chaffee, a tour longshot who spent last

year as an assistant golf pro, was at a career crossroads when he returned for another try last month. "This is my fifth year," said Chaffee, 27, who lost his qualifying card in 1982. "I had better make the top 125 this year or find something else to do."

Chaffee, currently ranked 150th in money earnings with \$827, got the spurt of confidence he needed Thursday. A seven-under-par 65, one shy of the course record.

"I did what everyone hopes to do on the north course — and that's play the par 5s well," said Chaffee, who eagled two of the par 5s and birdied the other two during a bogey-free round. His first eagle came on the 499-yard 18th hole, where he put a 1-iron within three feet (.9 m). On the final hole, No. 9, he belted a 3-iron to within 15 feet (4.5 m) and sank the putt.

Three months ago, Chaffee was among six golfers who tied for 45th and earned a qualifying card by one stroke after a six-round qualifying tournament in Ponte Vedra, Florida.



Norman ... finds his touch

Arabs step in a big way to revitalize British horseracing

LONDON, Feb. 18 (R) — British horseracing, once the exclusive preserve of certain class, is now increasingly on Arab millionaires to inject new money and continue the tradition of the breeder-owner.

"They could well be the saving of British racing," said Tony Morris, bloodstock correspondent with Britain's leading racing daily, *The Sporting Life*. Armed with vast personal fortunes, the four crown princes of Dubai and other Arab millionaires have racing to win, rather than sales for breeding, their top priority.

The names of Maktoum, and other Arabs now figure prominently in the lists of Britain's most successful owners. Attracted by the prestige and high standards of British flat racing, the four Maktoum brothers have made Britain their base and have helped to halt what Morris says is a drain of quality bloodstock across the Atlantic. They now have around 150 horses in training and stable 37 mares at their three stud farms in Britain.

"They are keeping horses here while everyone else is interested in selling abroad,"

said Morris. Buying horses regularly, the Maktoums from the Gulf oil state of Dubai have spent over \$40 million on thoroughbreds in the last five months. At yearling sales in the United States, where they splashed out more than \$33 million last summer, they have brought many promising colts and fillies to Britain.

Another Arab has also used his wealth to enrich British bloodstock. His purchases last year included General Holmes, a French colt bought for \$6.5 million, and Aryenne, winner of the French 1,000 Guineas. Touching Wood, bought in America by eldest brother Maktoum Al Maktoum — who is Deputy Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates — finished second in the Epsom Derby and won both the English and Irish St. Leger Classic races.

As Dubai's Minister of Defense, younger brother Sheikh Muhammad also combines racing with official duties at home, flying regularly to races and sales in Britain in one of his family's three private jets.

"The Maktoums will certainly continue to

buy well-bred animals in America and bring them back to this country," said Michael Goodbody, racing adviser to Sheikh Maktoum Al Maktoum. Shareef Dancer, the most expensive two-year-old ever to make its debut in Britain, cost Sheikh Maktoum \$3.3 million and could be a cootender for this year's Epsom Derby in June.

But he could face tough competition from another Maktoum horse, Dunbeath, bought by Sheikh Muhammad last year and now one of the favorites. Though not as well-known as his two brothers, Sheikh Hamdan Maktoum has also spent millions on horses. Last year he bought Height of Fashion, a three-year-old filly, from Queo Elizabeth, one of Britain's leading horse owners. As the home of racing's first thoroughbreds, the Middle East boasts a long tradition of horse and camel racing.

"Unlike some owners, the Arabs are not in racing merely to enhance the value of his horses," said James Dillahoock, who manages an Arab's stud farm in England.

In a world where top-class stallions can

fetch up to \$30 million, horse breeding has become a big business dominated by powerful bloodstock syndicates. The recession has also had a powerful impact on British racing, cutting the off-course betting shop revenue available for prize money and making it more difficult for tracks and small owners to meet rising costs and taxation burdens.

"British racing faces a financial crisis," said a spokesman for Britain's racing authority, The Jockey Club. Delahouck believes the wealthy Arab owners can afford to forfeit study fees and race their top stallions. "Sporting interest is uppermost in their mind," he said.

In 1980 an Arab's stallion Known Fact won the 2,000 Guineas Classic run over one mile (1,600 meters) at Newmarket, the headquarters of British racing. But rather than cashing in on the breeding value, he raced the horse for another season. After retiring Known Fact last year, the Arab decided against syndication, passing up millions in stud fees.



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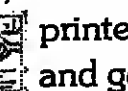
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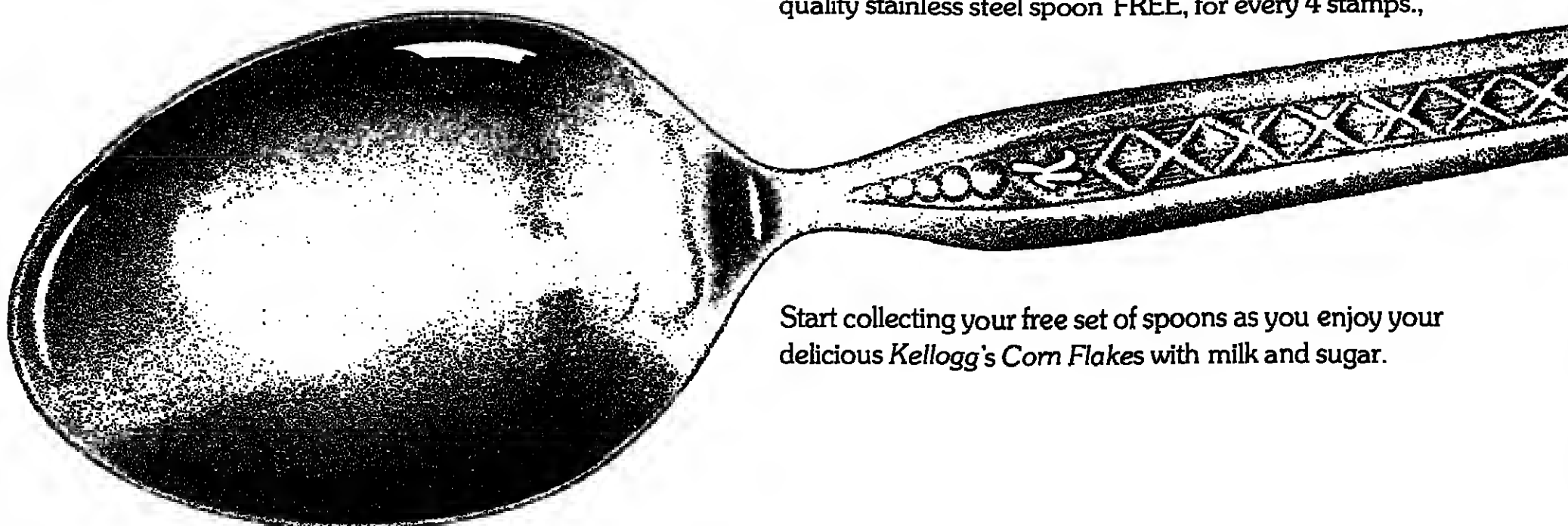


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Allays opposition fears

Social welfare state to stay, Maggie says

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, under questioning from the leader of Britain's Socialist opposition, denied Thursday that she intends to "dismantle" the welfare state.

Labor Party leader Michael Foot cited a report in Thursday's *Guardian* newspaper which said Mrs. Thatcher and a special government team are looking at ways to radically reform Britain's social welfare system.

The report, based on "confidential cabinet papers," said the team wants to encourage mothers to stay at home, help parents set up their own schools and extend home ownership among other reforms.

The cabinet team thinks the welfare state is affording individual responsibility by providing blanket medical, educational and social services, the *Guardian* said.

During question time in the House of Commons, Foot demanded to know how far the proposals had gone and when they would be published. His Labor Party created the state National Health Service and other social reforms when it came to power at the end of World War II.

Mrs. Thatcher answered: "No, we are not intending to dismantle the welfare state." But she added that her Conservative gov-

ernment was "determined to give individuals and their families more choice, which the Labor Party is not, and more freedom to exercise responsibility. We are determined to seek better value for money and better management throughout the public sector, and we are very proud of it."

As if to prove the point, Health Secretary Norman Fowler later announced in the Commons that the government plans to allow private firms to bid for contracts to provide cleaning, catering and other non-medical services in the nation's 2,000 state-run hospitals.

Fowler said services now provided by NHS employees cost the country almost 800 million pounds (\$1.24 billion) a year. By allowing private competition, substantial savings can be made and the extra money spent on actual health care, Fowler said.

Privatization has been a hallmark of Mrs. Thatcher's four-year administration, in telecommunications, North Sea oil and other industries.

Her government is now looking for ways to economize, and make more efficient, the health and social services. The NHS alone costs 14.5 billion pounds (\$22.5 billion) a year.

Economy on upswing--Mauroy

PARIS, Feb. 18 (AFP) — French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy has ruled out the introduction of a further austerity program this year, commenting that "nearly all the economic indicators in France are quietly giving the green light."

Speaking on television late Wednesday he strongly denied that France's debts total \$25 billion as former Prime Minister Raymond Barre, now in opposition, has charged.

This figure did not take account of sums lent abroad by French banks, he said.

World Bank lends \$151m to 4 nations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The World Bank and affiliated bodies have announced development loans to Zimbabwe, Somalia, Uruguay and Zaire totaling \$151 million.

Zimbabwe is to receive a revolving credit of \$70 million for basic materials for export industries, the bank said.

A loan of \$23 million will go to Somalia, for road works between the towns of Afgoi and Isaa Baidoa.

Uruguay is to get \$45 million for improvements to its road network. Zaire is to receive \$13 million for rural development in the north of the country.

Exxon trims oil price by \$1 a barrel

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AFP) — Exxon became the last United States oil firm to cut the price of its oil by \$1 a barrel, the second \$1 drop here since the end of January.

The U.S. decision brings the price of American-produced oil of the same quality as Arabian light to \$29 a barrel.

Arabian light sells for an official \$34. It is used as the benchmark for oil prices within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The decision to bring down the price of U.S. crude followed the failure of OPEC's ministerial meeting at Vienna at the end of January.

Analysts see it as a move by oil companies to ensure an orderly drop in world oil prices, particularly those of OPEC, in the face of falling demand. They welcome what they see as a return to healthy competition in a market no longer dominated by OPEC.

Meanwhile, Phillips Petroleum President William Douce told *Forbes* magazine that he expected a drop in world oil prices of between \$4 and \$8 a barrel this year.

Douce said that this would force oil companies to trim their research programs. But he added that the price would probably creep back up to \$34 and more in coming years.

A bulletin from the Morgan Guaranty Trust, the country's fifth biggest bank, said that the oil price had never stopped dropping in both real and nominal terms since early 1981, when it stood at \$39 a barrel.

The bank noted that most forecasts for 1983 predicted the oil price dropping to between \$25 and \$30. An average price of \$30 would merely represent a continuation of the trend of the last two years, it added.

Egypt Air may resume flights to 3 states

CAIRO, Feb. 18 (R) — Egypt's national airline, Egypt Air, plans to resume flights to Iraq, Lebanon and Algeria over the next three months, its commercial director Ismat Abdel-Aziz was quoted Friday as saying.

The mass-circulation *Al-Akhar* reported the official as saying he would visit Baghdad this month to discuss running daily flights to the Iraqi capital from next month.

Iraqi Air has a daily service to Cairo since last year when relations between the two countries began to improve. *Al-Akhar* also quoted the official as saying a delegation would go to Lebanon soon to negotiate three flights a week by Egypt Air to Beirut beginning in April.

The newspaper also reported that the present Cairo-Tunis line would be extended in May to Algiers.

Turkish project under way

Mesopotamia on threshold of 'green revolution'

ANKARA, Feb. 18 (AP) — By the next decade, a man-made miracle could revolutionize the arid steppes of northern Mesopotamia where one of the world's earliest civilizations once flourished.

Turkey's economic planners describe in superlatives the southeast Anatolia project, a complex of hydro-electric dams and irrigation canals that would harness the waters of the Euphrates River.

The Euphrates and Tigris rivers originate from the snow-covered mountains of northeast Turkey and flow south, through Syria and Iraq.

The land between the two rivers, known as Mesopotamia, was home for the ancient Sumerians, Babylonians, Assyrians and Hittites. In Baghdad, on the banks of the Tigris, the Arab civilization reached its zenith in the 9th century.

But now it is impoverished despite Iraq's oil wealth. Peasants barely eke out a living from the parched land. In southeast Turkey, some villages have a hard time finding drinking water in summer months.

In 1974, Turkey completed the construction of Keban Dam on the northern reaches of the Euphrates. The Keban, with annual electricity production of 6.2 billion kilowatt

hours, boosted Turkey's energy-bungry industry. But no further industrial growth can be expected without the building of Karakaya and Ataturk dams and several smaller ones south of Keban on the Euphrates, officials say.

Turkey's current energy production is 23 billion kwbs, which amounts to 650 kwbs per capita annually in contrast to the 3,000 kwbs per capita usage by Western industrialized nations.

"Even by year 2000, having used all our hydro-electric capacity, which is now only 10 percent utilized, we shall not be able to catch up with our neighbors," laments director of state water works Sabahattin Sayin.

But the mammoth southeast Anatolia project could double Turkey's energy production and increase five-fold the agricultural output of the region, he said.

The project has existed on paper since the early 1960's, but financial struggles and political instability prevented construction. Former Premier Suleyman Demirel, an engineer who specialized in dams before his political career, used to complain of losing sleep because of frustration over the delay.

Construction is already advanced on the Karakaya Dam, located 166 kilometers

(103 miles) downstream from the Keban. Karakaya, a concrete arch gravity type dam expected to cost \$1.9 billion, would generate 7.5 billion kwbs of electricity annually when it goes into operation by 1988.

But the star of the project is the Ataturk Dam, named after the founder of the Turkish republic, Kemal Ataturk. It is to be the largest dam ever built in Turkey and the fourth largest rock-fill dam in the world. It is expected to generate 8.1 billion kwbs and be used for irrigation.

A Turkish company is building the diversion tunnels, changing the course of the Euphrates River to prepare for the construction of the 940 square-kilometer (376-square-mile) reservoir.

An international tender, possibly favoring foreign companies who can bring in suppliers' credits, is expected to be opened soon for the main construction work.

Irrigation farming will require new skills in the region, whose inhabitants number 4 million. The number of tractors in the area, now 18,000, would have to be doubled. The land would not lie fallow in the six-month dry season. Seven times the present labor force would be needed to till the fields. Fertilizer use would shoot up.

Tokyo trade team to visit Moscow

TOKYO, Feb. 18 (AFP) — A 230-strong Japanese business team leaves here next Tuesday for Moscow, amid speculation here that an upturn could occur in this country's trade with the Soviet Union.

The potential business is enormous, but Japan's Soviet commerce was still only \$6 billion in 1981, which is two percent of all its outside trade, and half the amount of business done with China.

Japanese-Soviet trade has dropped steadily since 1979 when the Japanese government lined up with the West on economic sanctions against the Soviet Union over the Afghan issue.

But in November the United States eased its policy on technology transfer to the Soviet Union, as new leadership emerged in both Moscow and Tokyo. Moreover, Tokyo is currently hosting the first Soviet minister to visit Japan since 1975, Fisheries Minister Valdimir Kamentsev.

So the powerful business mission leaving here Tuesday under Chamber of Commerce President Shigeo Nagano has caused quite a stir in this capital.

The Japanese traditionally regard all nations as potential trading partners, and never more so than today when international trade is sluggish, the home market is weak and exports to the West are losing their buoyancy.

Trade with the USSR and its neighbors has a natural appeal to Japan's business community, which looks for a recovery in business with the Soviet Union in particular. "Japan

can no longer afford to sit around idly," says Nagano who recalls that 200 American salesmen traveled to Moscow last December and flew home with \$100 million worth of orders.

There is a widespread feeling here that Japan has paid dearly for its allegiance to the United States. Nagano does not challenge the legitimacy of the Japanese government's sanctions over Afghanistan and Poland, but he pointed out that Japan used to be the Soviet Union's top trading partner before the sanctions and has now dropped to fifth place behind West Germany, Finland, France and Italy.

Japan has stopped official credit and ceased sending annual business missions, while the West Europeans have continued their promotion in areas not covered by official credit and the stipulations of Cocom (Coordinating Committee for Export to Communist areas).

The Japanese-Soviet trade pattern before 1979 was complementary. The Soviet Union needed cars, machine tools, clothing and other goods. Japan took coal, natural gas and timber.

For the development of Siberia, Japan set out to supply plant and materials with an eye to its own future raw material needs. Japanese shipments boomed in the 1970s, but in 1980 many projects wavered when official export credit was blocked. Today steel accounts for 40 percent of Japan's exports to the USSR as it moves ahead with oil and gas pipelines.

Kenya hikes prices of essential items

NAIROBI, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The government of Kenya Friday upped taxes on meat, milk, tea, and rice, raising their prices between 10 and 16 percent, in an effort to combat economic problems of this east African state.


Finance Minister Arthur Magugu made the announcement in the official *Kenya Gazette* published here Friday.

According to a new price system, people living in large towns will pay slightly more for meat than those in smaller towns and rural areas, but people in the remote areas of the northeastern province will pay more for rice to cover transport costs.

The government last announced price increases for consumers in December, when the prices of cigarettes and petrol (gasoline) went up between three and 23 percent.

The government has also banned the import of passenger vehicles unless authorized by the Ministry of Commerce, the official gazette announced. The ban does not affect motor cycles and vehicles imported by diplomats accredited to Kenya.

The move is an attempt to seal loopholes through which importers have in the past been able to bring in passenger vehicles by claiming they are gifts from friends and relatives abroad.



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OIL PRICE CUTS

One has to hand it to the United States for engineering the falling price of oil, the global glut and, of course, its own and Western economic recession.

Oil prices are falling and Britain has already announced its own rebate of three and a half dollars a barrel. Others will follow suit, some will be hurt deeply like Nigeria and Mexico because of their total dependence on oil revenues to pay for imports. Others will not care much, specially those in the Gulf. They will not collapse because of a ten percent drop in prices. They have small populations, huge surpluses and plenty of reserves.

In fact, the Arab producers raised their production in the past unwillingly in order to prevent a worldwide crisis brought about by a reduction in Iranian and Iraqi output because of the suicidal war that is going on between them. And when Syria, in support of Iran, prohibited the pumping of Iraqi oil through its Mediterranean pipeline, the situation worsened.

Indeed, Saudi Arabia and its Gulf partners had cautioned long and loud against any steep rises in prices and warned that if the prices rise fast, the world will find other and cheaper alternatives. This is happening now. Coal is already cheaper to use. The North Sea, Mexican and Alaskan oil came on stream when prices became attractive. Nuclear and solar energies are being produced on an ever-increasing scale and the world has learned to conserve power. Instead of raising the office temperature, the staff put on jumpers or kept their jackets on. So power was saved. Multiply this saving by millions of offices and homes worldwide and the figures speak for themselves in terms of a glut.

So the American recession has done its job. It has created over 12 million unemployed and returned to the soup kitchens as well as forcing the oil producers to cut their prices, the first time in decades.

But will OPEC learn its lesson and reconsider its implications? This is doubtful. The organization has been politicized beyond redemption.

Saudi Arabian press review

The local press Friday lamented the attacks on Saudi Arabia in the American press and blamed Israel and the Zionist lobby for it. *Al-Madina* explained the campaign by the fact that it is Saudi Arabia which is pressuring Lebanon into rejecting the Israeli conditions for withdrawal from that country. It is also Saudi Arabia which is bringing pressure to bear on King Hussein of Jordan not to hasten to enter the peace negotiations. And it is Saudi Arabia which doesn't cooperate much with the United States to carry out the Reagan Plan.

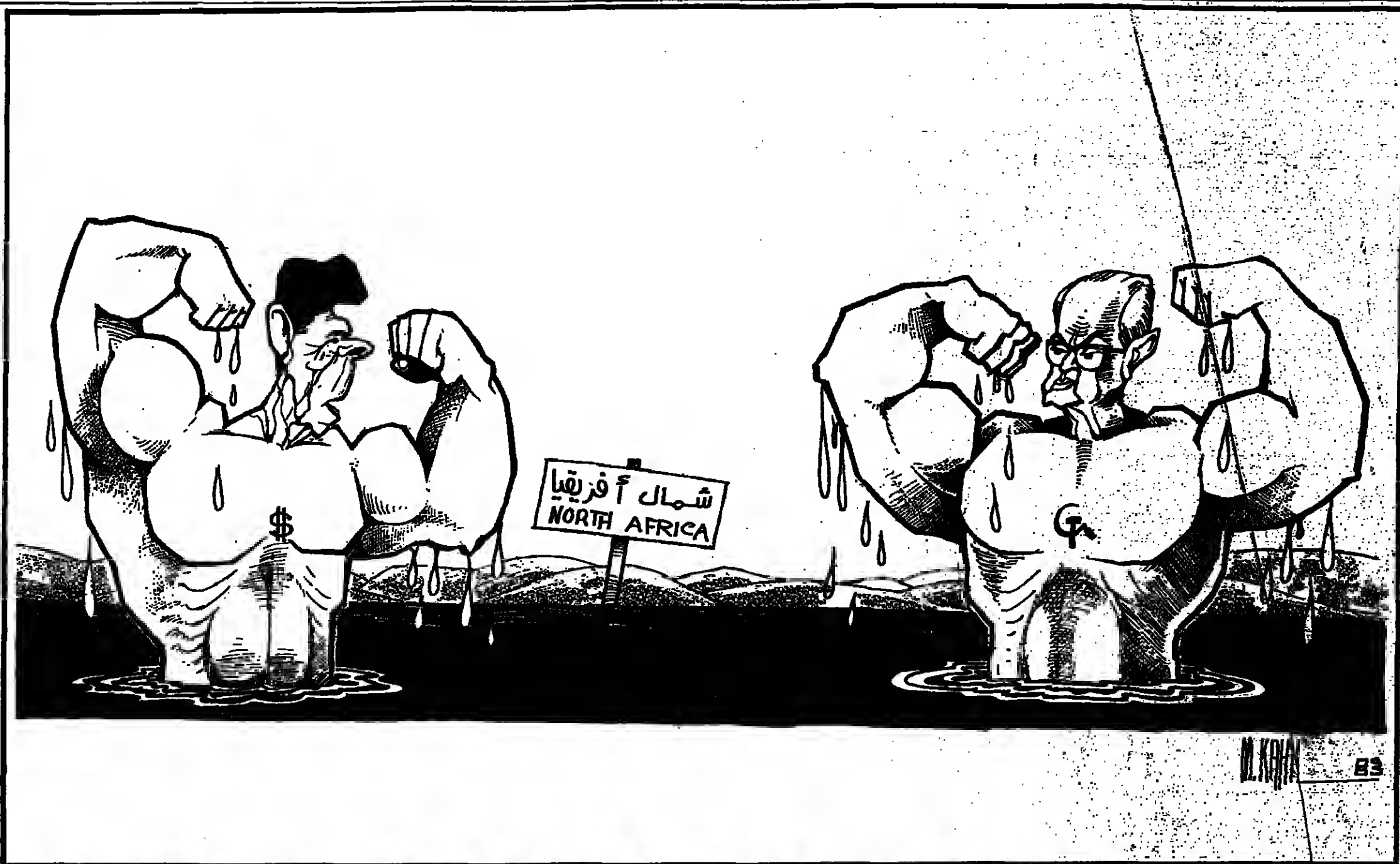
Local newspapers also highlighted news of the Arab summit slated next March as requested by King Hussein and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat after meetings of the Palestine National Council. News of former Iranian President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr disclosed that he told Iraq never to fear any attack from Iran as long as he was president also figured on the local page of a Saudi Arabian daily. The papers also gave top billing to the failure of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel to form a military government, and to a statement by the Saudi Arabian ambassador to Syria to the effect that several foreign powers were conspiring against the Arab world. *Al-Jazira* said one of the most

dangerous aims sought by Israel in Lebanon is to shatter the country into dead parts and scatter the Lebanese people here and there in the form of mini states on the pattern of what is called free Lebanon which is sliced and handed over to its puppet, Saad Haddad.

It affirmed that the "salvation of Lebanon" lays in the unity of the Lebanese and a true understanding of Israel's Zionist nature and expansionist ambitions which were behind the invasion of Lebanon.

Okaz warned that the danger of partitioning Lebanon into mini states was increasing daily with the "escalation of Israeli extremism and determination of the Israeli military set-up to back its expansionist designs in occupied Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza Strip." It said that transforming Israel's hegemony in South Lebanon into a fait accompli through agents such as Saad Haddad "represent a major obstacle in the way of efforts to resolve the Lebanese crisis peacefully."

"It also raises a big question about the capability of the American administration to exercise effective pressure on Israel to withdraw from Lebanon and abandon the policy of hegemony and imposing a fait accompli," it added. (SFA)



Israel wants stalemate in Lebanon to prolong stay

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Landrum R. Bolling, research professor of diplomacy, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, returned from the Middle East to Washington, earlier this year after leading a study tour of 14 leaders from the broad evangelical sector of American Protestantism into first-hand acquaintance with the Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities of that area. Dr. Bolling, who began his travels in the Middle East in 1958 as a journalist, sought to help the members of the American delegation gain direct knowledge and understanding of the peoples in the Middle East and to examine the various dimensions of the efforts to bring peace and reconciliation to the region. In his long career first as a writer and later as college administrator and professor, Dr. Bolling has made innumerable trips to the Middle East. He has served as an American delegate to Soviet-American talks and in 1968 was chairman of the International Quaker Working Party on Middle East peace. He is the author of *Search for Peace in the Middle East* (1960). This exclusive interview was conducted in Washington.)

By Grace Halsell

WASHINGTON — Q. When you were in Lebanon, did you get any kind of feeling or do you have any opinion about whether the Israelis will be willing to withdraw from that country?

Bolling: I don't think the Israelis are interested in withdrawing. They obviously have not gained from this invasion what they had hoped. It is clear that the Israeli leadership hoped they could do certain things: one, that they could crush the PLO totally, expel the PLO from Lebanon and break the will of the Palestinian people to resist Israeli policies. They very much hoped that their invasion would make it possible to install a Christian Phalangist-led government in Lebanon which would then make an immediate peace with Israel, and which would guarantee the security of the Israeli border, would guarantee to remove the potential for a PLO threat from the north, and by the elimination of the PLO presence in Lebanon and by a peace treaty with a new government installed in Beirut, Israel would be able to establish rather quickly normal, diplomatic, economic, financial, tourist, cultural relations with the Lebanese. They wanted to be able to regularize relations with their neighbors to the north, as they had attempted to do through the Camp David accords and the separate peace treaty with Egypt.

This plan went wrong, obviously. They crushed the PLO as a military force and they did expel the PLO fighting elements for the most part, at least those that were in the south of Lebanon and in Beirut, but they did not crush the will of the Palestinians to resist the Israelis, they did not destroy the PLO because they continue to function in other areas; they did not even get rid of all the PLO fighters in Lebanon because something like 10,000 of them remain behind in the Bekaa Valley and in Tripoli in the north, so there is still a PLO fighting presence inside Lebanon.

They had hoped that Bashir Gemayel would be elected president and of course that happened. They hoped that he would then make an immediate peace treaty with them which he did not do. Before his inauguration had taken place, they tried to pressure him into promises that he would make a peace treaty. This he refused to do, pointing out that Lebanon's interests were much more complicated than just making a peace treaty with Israel, that he had to maintain good relations with his Arab neighbors, and so it is quite clear that he was resisting Israeli pressure at the time he was killed.

He was succeeded, of course, by his elder brother Amin Gemayel, but Amin Gemayel was also unwilling to enter into an immediate peace treaty with Israel, so they have been thwarted on that front. The Syrians have remained behind in the Bekaa Valley and in the north. The intercommunal fighting between Druze and Christian, between leftists and rightists has not ended.

A great many people in Lebanon feel that the Israelis have a kind of back-up strategy which is to get a Lebanese government in power which will make a peace treaty with them and normalize relations, the way the Israelis want it, and that the Israelis may be prepared to settle for a division of the country. Many people in Lebanon believe the Israeli strategy now is simply to hold onto what they have in the south, expand Haddad-land up to the edges of Beirut, let the Maronite Christians have the mountain villages where they have always been strong, and let the Syrians have the Bekaa Valley in the north and simply accept the partition of Lebanon as the best they can get for the foreseeable future and let it go at this.

Q. Did you hear anything about the Israelis taking over the Litani River?

Bolling: I heard some people saying that the Israelis sooner or later would start a pipeline and drain off water from the Litani into northern Israel. The Lebanese by now are extremely suspicious of the Israeli intentions. This includes even those

Lebanese who originally welcomed the Israeli invasion, and we have to be clear about it, a great many Lebanese were delighted to have Israel invade and expel the PLO. Many looked upon Israel as a kind of savior coming to drive out the PLO, but I noticed in talking with Lebanese last summer while the siege of Beirut was still going on, some of the strong supporters of the Phalangists whom I met in East Beirut said, "Well, we wanted to get rid of the PLO, but now that the Israelis are here, our big worry is: Will we ever get rid of the Israelis?" And they were not happy with what they saw of the Israelis. We heard many stories from the Lebanese about the involvement of the Israelis in business ventures in the south of Lebanon.

The Israelis were shipping into Lebanon a great deal of farm produce and manufactured goods. The Israeli airlines were selling trips abroad to Lebanese. They would take them by bus from Sidon down to Tel Aviv and put them aboard planes. As the Israelis talked about the rapid expansion of trade with south Lebanon, many Lebanese were unhappy about this because that trade was illegal from the Lebanese point of view. There was no customs duty paid on those imports so just on a purely commercial transaction basis, the Lebanese government was losing a great deal of revenue. The Israeli trucks with goods were simply being waved on through by the Israeli occupation authorities. So there was a lot of friction between the Lebanese and the Israelis. It has not worked out as the Israelis hoped it would.

Q. What did you hear about the 7,000 Arab prisoners that the Israelis are holding in Lebanon?

Bolling: They are incarcerated in a kind of tent city in a place called Ansar in south Lebanon not far from Sidon. The Israelis are very secretive about the camp and what goes on there. They have allowed the International Red Cross, and on a few occasions, they have allowed the outside press to come in for a visit, but the visitors were under very strict control. The future of the 7,000 prisoners is very uncertain. The Israelis have said they do not acknowledge the applicability of the Geneva Convention as regards humane treatment of prisoners because they do not consider the Arabs they captured as normal prisoners of war, but they classify all of them without exception as "terrorists." And the Israelis say that all of the Arab prisoners they hold must be dealt with differently than prisoners of war. The general impression among those with whom I talked in south Lebanon is that the Israelis are using the Arab prisoners perhaps as bargaining chips later on in determining how they will deal with this area, and there is no guarantee as to when the Israelis will release the prisoners.

Q. Then is this the reason the anti-war movement in Israel is growing? Does it have more support?

Bolling: It is hard to get any clear picture of the proportion of the Israeli people who would really be firm opponents of Begin. However, you get some indication of the very substantial unhappiness of the Israeli people with what has happened from the size of the Peace Now demonstrations that are taking place. In the first days of the war in Lebanon, some of the Peace Now people in Tel Aviv tried to organize a demonstration against the invasion. They got out maybe a hundred people. I talked with some of them recently. At first, they were greeted in a very hostile way, they were attacked and physically beaten — by other Israelis who wanted to break up their demonstration.

But then a week later they put on a demonstration and got a lot more people and a little later, they got thousands, and finally a hundred thousand. Their greatest demonstrations came after the massacres of the Palestinians in the refugee camps. They wanted to protest Begin's effort to block an inquiry into the massacres. And they got by general agreement 400,000 people into the streets of Tel Aviv for that demonstration. That's 10 percent of the population of the whole country. That might have been the biggest political anti-war demonstration in the history of wars. This was in Israel and these were Jews, protesting against their government's policies.

Q. Regarding your visit to Jordan, do you feel

President Reagan will be successful in bringing King Hussein into peace talks? Can he act as long as Israel continues to occupy Lebanon and to build new settlements on the West Bank?

Bolling: I think to put it precisely: he cannot participate in the talks until there is some kind of consensus in the Arab world that he should enter into those talks. And the Arab world is not going to support his entering into the talks unless the Palestinians, and this means the PLO, will be satisfied to let him explore, at least, the possibility of getting somewhere through the talks.

Exploratory conversations between Arafat and King Hussein have been going on for many months about the terms under which Hussein could be the spokesman for the Palestinians. There is a basic agreement there; that if certain conditions were met, King Hussein could organize a delegation of Jordanians and Palestinians who would, sitting together, represent both the government of King Hussein and the Palestinians for the purpose of trying to work for Palestinian rights in direct negotiation with the Israelis — with the Americans and the Egyptians looking on. Now in general, it has been assumed that the conditions for such talks would mean the withdrawal of Israel from Lebanon and a freeze on settlements in the West Bank. Those are the two preconditions.

In one sense by setting those conditions the Arabs play once more into the hands of the Israelis, because the Israelis have no interest in starting these talks. As the Israelis see it, the longer they can stall, the better. They do not want to talk with the Palestinians. And if the stalemate continues in Lebanon indefinitely, the Israelis can say: "Since the Palestinians and other Arabs have said they are not going to talk until we withdraw from Lebanon (and the situation in Lebanon is such that we can't withdraw, or, in any case, we are not going to withdraw) — so we are not to be blamed because the talks can't get under way about the West Bank because the Arabs themselves are not prepared to talk under these circumstances."

So my view is that the Arabs and the Americans who have supported the conditions for talks about the West Bank are really in one sense on the wrong track. The Israelis are delighted to have these preconditions. It simply means that they are not going to talk about Palestinian rights. And I think that a case can be made for simply trying to bypass the situation in Lebanon, and let the Palestinians and Arabs say to the Israelis and the Americans: we are prepared to sit down and talk to you, we want to know what is the Israeli proposition — if you have a proposition — for a peaceful resolution. We will talk about it, we will listen, we will be prepared to negotiate if the Israelis are prepared to negotiate. But we are not going to play the game the Israelis obviously want to play, which is to delay the solution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict as long as they can.

Q. Do you feel that Syria wants to withdraw its forces from Lebanon?

Bolling: I asked President Assad in November 1976, how long did he expect he would have his troops in Lebanon? He said, "Oh, no more than a year. We would not find it possible to keep our troops abroad more than a year." That was seven years ago. And the Syrian troops are still there. They obviously are not going to leave until the Israelis leave.

Q. In this regard, do you see collusion between the Syrians and Israelis?

Bolling: There are people in Lebanon, Europe, America and other places who do believe there is a kind of tacit understanding or secret alliance between the Syrians under President Assad and the Israelis, under Begin: that they both stay there and that they both eventually divide up the country. Now, who can prove that there is any truth whatsoever in this? But the fact is that the Syrians have a stake in Israel doing what Israel is doing. The Israelis have a stake in Syria doing what it is doing. And neither has any great regard in seeing a truly independent, free Lebanon created. Each has a feeling of vital interest in Lebanon and if Israel cannot get its "vital interest" assured through an independent Lebanese government (and it doesn't appear likely that it can), then the Israelis may be content to stay put in Lebanon and let the Syrians stay put, and you have in effect a kind of a deal even though there may be no communication between the Israelis and the Syrians at all on this issue.

Q. How much backing do the Lebanese who want a truly independent, free country feel they are getting from the United States?

Bolling: Not enough.
Q. Would you tell me about your most recent trip to the Middle East?

Bolling: This was a first experience for me, escorting a group of Americans on a study tour. The group included pastors, a professor of a university theological seminary, members of the Christian broadcasting network. Our sponsors were the Jordan Society, an American nonprofit cultural exchange foundation with offices here in Washington, the Middle East Council of Churches with headquarters in Beirut and the Mercy Corps International, an international relief agency, with headquarters in Seattle, Washington.

Q. Before going over, how much would you say the Christian leaders in your group knew about the area and about Arabs in general?

Bolling: Three members of the group had been in the area once before, two on more or less independent trips of their own, and one man had only been in Israel. He had been on a Zionist escorted tour.

Q. Before going over, did you have any comment on the widespread American Christian support for Zionism?

Bolling: I think it is very widespread. There is a very large and vocal number of Christian leaders and preachers, writers, broadcasters involved in the evangelical movement who have very strong feelings of support for Israel. They take Biblical passages and interpret them in a political way, and come with a very hard line, and a strong defense of the government of Israel and the policies of Begin. So often a number of the Christian leaders go under Zionist sponsorship to the Holy Land, which to them means Israel, and once there Israeli guides take them around and show them the Holy Places and along the way give them a very biased interpretation of history and a very strong dose of propaganda in behalf of the state of Israel.

Q. How is the best way to combat that indoctrination?

Bolling: One of the ways to get people to understand the human problems in the Middle East is to encourage them to go and see a wide variety of the people in the Middle East. To meet with Arabs as well as Israelis, to listen to both sides, hear what the issues are and the problems and then make up their own minds. And this was essentially what we were trying to do with the group that went with me. This was not an attempt to brainwash them in any way, as certainly some of the Israeli tours attempt to do, but to make it possible for people to hear the views of Arabs in different settings. And to get some feeling about the diversity of viewpoints that you find on all sides. And I think that is possible and desirable. Our experience showed that once Americans are given a chance to hear all sides, they are very quick to learn.



Today is Saturday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 1983. There are 315 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1499 — Florence joins French alliance for partition of Milan in Italy.

1578 — Duke of Anjou, with French army, invades southern Netherlands.

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1803 — Act of mediation is passed in Switzerland whereby Cantons regain independence.

1807 — British fleet forces way through Dardanelles to support Russia in war against Turkey.

1927 — Chinese Nationalists extract from Britain reduction of concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang.

1942 — Japanese bombers carry out their first World War II attack against mainland Australia, hitting Darwin.

1945 — U.S. forces begin invasion of Iwo Jima in Pacific in World War II.

1959 — Agreement is signed on London by Greece, Turkey and Britain for independence of Cyprus.

1962 — France's President Charles de Gaulle indicates that France is prepared to meet with the three other nuclear powers — United States, Britain and Soviet Union — to discuss destruction of all nuclear weapons.

1973 — Seventy-seven persons are killed when Soviet airliner crashes and burns at airport in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

1979 — Iran's new Islamic government severs all relations with Israel and pledges support to Palestinian war against Israel.

Thought for today:

There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience. — French proverb.

Soviet history's shifting sands put Krushchev back on pedestal

By Dusko Doder

MOSCOW (WP) — The new Soviet leadership has taken a significant step toward an eventual rehabilitation of Nikita Krushchev by publicly acknowledging his prominent leadership role in the battle of Stalingrad, one of the crucial turns of World War II.

For the first time since Krushchev was ousted from power in 1964, his name was mentioned approvingly in an article published in *Kommunist*, the most authoritative ideological publication of the Soviet party's central committee.

Kommunist using Krushchev's name three times, described him and Marshal Semyon Timoshenko as the principal leaders of the Soviet forces at Stalingrad. Krushchev at the time held the rank of lieutenant general, below that of marshal, but as a member of Stalin's Politburo he was the senior figure on the Stalingrad front.

There has been speculation in Soviet circles that Yuri Andropov, the new party chief, would eventually seek to restore Krushchev's role in Soviet history and at least provide a balanced assessment of his performance. Andropov was Krushchev's ambassador in Budapest at the time of the 1956 Hungarian revolution. Krushchev subsequently promoted Andropov within the central committee, making him one of its secretaries in 1962.

A flurry of articles in January about the 40th anniversary of the Soviet victory at Stalingrad made no mention of Krushchev, although various Soviet and German figures were cited.

Two articles in the January issue of the journal *History of the USSR* dealing with the Stalingrad battle made only one mention of Stalin. They include several quotes from Leonid Brezhnev, who was not present at Stalingrad in 1942-43. The articles were approved by Soviet censors in October, while Brezhnev was still alive.

An article about the Stalingrad battle in the journal *Questions in History of the Soviet Communist Party*, which also came out last month, did not mention the names of either Stalin or Krushchev. It included quotes from Brezhnev and Andropov. The journal was given censors' approval in the beginning of December, a few weeks after Andropov was chosen as party leader.

The January issue of the journal *Questions of History*, also approved by the censors in December, made no mention of either Stalin or Krushchev in its account of the Stalingrad battle.

The authoritative *Kommunist* had its January issue approved by the censors Jan. 10. It includes the article "Victory on the Volga" in which Krushchev, Stalin and others are mentioned in what seems to be the most balanced Soviet account of the Stalingrad battle thus far. It was written by a participant, Lt. Gen. L. G. Gulyashenko.

It is inconceivable that the authoritative journal would mention approvingly the former Soviet leader without authorization of the top Kremlin officials, presumably Andropov himself. The only mention of

Krushchev in any authoritative Soviet publication since his removal was the announcement of his death in the party newspaper *Pravda*, which referred to him as N.S. Krushchev, "a private pensioner."

The authoritative *Soviet Diplomatic Dictionary*, a three-volume encyclopedia of foreign policy published by the Foreign Ministry,



Joseph Stalin



Nikita Krushchev

does not mention Krushchev by name. It does, for example, say that president John F. Kennedy had met with the Soviet premier in Vienna in 1961 and provides an account of their conversations. The name of the Soviet premier, however, is not given.

A century after death

Richard Wagner still haunts Europe

By Tamara Jones

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — The ghost of Richard Wagner is haunting Europe, and the spirit, like the composer who died a century ago, is not a quiet one.

The centenary has drawn music lovers to concept halls from London to Wagner's native Leipzig to hear and see his extravagant operas. But it also incited the rage of Europeans who saw his anti-semitic politics carried to the extreme.

Times of London columnist, under the headline "Ecstasy or hatred, with no in-between," said Wagner "is still a living presence in a realm far wider than music, and is still capable of haunting our dreams."

Wagner, who once described himself as "the most German of Germans," was a fiery nationalist who flaunted his anti-semitism in pamphlets such as the one in which he analyzed "the difference between the human races."

When he died in Venice of a heart attack on Feb. 13, 1883, at the age of 70, he left a legacy of operatic classics that included "Parsifal," "Tristan and Isolde," "Lohengrin" and "Tannhauser."

Fifty years later, Wagner's political notoriety and musical talent formed what some historians say was a cornerstone of the bloody Third Reich. Adolf Hitler embraced him as a favorite composer, and Wagner music thundered forth from Nazi propaganda films.

Throughout the continent this month, movies, television specials, recordings, articles, propaganda and exhibits are reviewing Wagner's life for thousands of aficionados, critics and scholars anxious to examine every facet of his genius.

In Bayreuth, West Germany, where he founded Europe's oldest summer music festival, Wagner was commemorated at a weekend ceremony presided over by his last surviving grandson, Wolfgang Wagner.

Mayor Hans Walter Wild told the crowd the composer lies on "in a triumphant and cheering way."

However, a Swiss satirical journal viewed the brouhaha with disdain. "One hundred years dead and still so much alive — it's hardly imaginable," scoffed Hans Weigel in *Der Nebelgall*.

Readers said he went on to rate "Parsifal" as "one of the most effective barbarisms, a first-rate sedative."

The hands-fired a scandal in Vienna's respected operatic circles.

At a Sunday matinee where part of the "Meistersinger of Nuremberg" text was read, Marcel Prawa, a Vienna state opera consultant and retired producer, publicly tore apart a photostat copy of Weigel's article.

In the magazine section of the respected *West German newspaper Die Zeit*, Wagner historian Eberhard Kuby wrote that Hitler's murderous wars were "a continuation of the

phenomenon of Richard Wagner, whose genius served in part of dark German skies."

No mention of Wagner's anti-semitism surfaced in reports on the centenary in East Germany, where Wagner's birthplace of Leipzig is now located. Instead, the Communist Party newspaper *Neues Deutschland* hailed his "longing for humanity."

Another East Berlin paper, *Der Morgen*, said Wagner believed that "private capital was the basic evil of the society of his time."

Leipzig honored Wagner with "Richard Wagner days," featuring operas, concerts and an international colloquium on "Richard Wagner — his life, work and interpretation."

A Wagner museum opened in Eisenach, East Germany, displaying a collection that the official ADN news agency said includes a large sampling of Wagner's manuscripts and his "five original death masks."

The frivolity of the carnival season infused

The *Kommunist* article also makes a first mention of Georgy Malenkov, who became premier following the death of Stalin, when Krushchev became party leader. Krushchev ousted Malenkov from the premiership in 1955 and made him a non-person two years later in a Kremlin power struggle during which Krushchev eliminated most of his political opponents.

Malenkov was sent to run a power plant and he disappeared from public life. He has since retired and is living in Moscow.

Another due to the thinking of the new Kremlin leadership on past leaders was given by the publication in a recent issue of *Pravda* of sections of Brezhnev's memoirs as well as a massive review running to some 2,400 words of his posthumously published essays. This indicated that Brezhnev will have a place in Soviet history books. This in itself is a major development for denunciation of Stalin by Krushchev and a similar fate which the latter met in the hands of Brezhnev had left the Soviet Union with a period of 40 years that was glossed over in history books. Soviet historical accounts, except those of Lenin, read like reports of a construction company building up a vast country. All references to Stalin and Krushchev were eliminated, their images painted over in art works and cut from films.

The man who succeeded Brezhnev as party leader, Yuri Andropov, apparently does not intend to deny his predecessor a place in history. However, that place seems likely to be modest and perhaps not entirely in keeping with the authority and official adulation Brezhnev enjoyed before his death last November.

When the earlier parts of his memoirs were published during his lifetime, Brezhnev was hailed in the Soviet media as one of "the planet's best read authors." Entire chapters dealing with his wartime exploits and subsequent party work were read over radio and television. The recent *Pravda* review was a warm tribute to Brezhnev's activities as a worker in the party and eventually its top leader. It contained no exaggerated praises and assessed the latest works — published in the monthly journal *Novyi Mir* — as the end to a great and serious effort.

The posthumously published essays include sketches of some leading figures in the Kremlin leadership, including Andropov, and Politburo member Konstantin Chernenko, who was Brezhnev's closest associate. Brezhnev said he "highly appreciated" Andropov's "modesty, humanness and outstanding efficiency."

Brezhnev lavished his greatest praise on Chernenko, in the context of his "talent and experience" as a party leader. He described Chernenko, who was a rival of Andropov for the post of party general secretary, as a man knowing how to "convince people, how to find the right organizational forms" and one who is a "convicted fighter, sensitive toward comrades while making great demands on his own work performance."

The sketches appeared to confirm the perception during the last years of Brezhnev's life that he favored Chernenko to succeed him.

Wagner events in Venice, where spectators at a puppet show of "Parsifal" were sprayed with Wagner's favorite perfumes — white rose, tuberose and delphinium.

The nine-hour international television serial, *Wagner*, starring Richard Burton, was previewed in Venice. A three-hour film version will be screened in Britain and the United States this summer.

Italians also began debating one of the dozens of books published on the 100th anniversary — a record of Wagner's final days by his wife Cosima, daughter of composer Franz Liszt. It recounts Wagner's mercurial moods and his railings against Jews, Roman Catholicism and Italian musicians, whom he called "tremendously vulgar and less civilized than the French."

France has since forgiven him, and has even named 1983 "the Wagner year." Beginning in April, his operas will be staged in Bordeaux, Nice, Lille and Strasbourg.



Richard Wagner



Ras Beirut (1867-1890) Courtesy: Harvard Semitic Museum

King Fahd's gesture to Harvard Museum Protecting Mideast's heritage

By Dawn Liddicatt
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — King Fahd recently granted Harvard's Semitic Museum \$600,000 to fund an intensive three-year rescue project to uncover, save and copy early photographs of the Middle East, wherever the fragile documents have survived.

In a letter to the museum's curator Carney Gavin, the King said, "We assure you that our support of the Semitic Museum is given in appreciation of its mission, dedicated to preserving Eastern civilization."

"Now with His Majesty's help we shall be launching a new field of archaeology, 'Photo-archeology' — digging into moments captured in light," said Gavin. "Scattered throughout the world are precious, yet unrecognized, visual records which, assembled together, promise to open up new dimensions for understanding a proud, ancient people and historic places in the homelands of monotheism and civiliza-

tion." The museum will use the grant to assist institutions and individuals throughout the world to locate and care for the fragile visual records, rather than for acquiring rare photographs. "We want to trace what has survived," Gavin said, of early prints photographers left behind them, in order to create a wide-ranging visual representation of the region as it was in the 19th century.

The data obtained through this project will form the foundation of the King Fahd Archive at Harvard's Semitic Museum. The establishment of this archive will intensify the photo-research efforts of the museum which began in 1970 with the rediscovery of its own long-forgotten photographs.

A bomb was detonated in the museum building's upper level in 1970 by antiwar demonstrators protesting the presence of the Center for International Affairs and its former associate director, Henry A. Kissinger, in the museum building. At this time, the center occupied the upper three floors, while the museum long ago had been

moved to the basement. Upon clearing the rubble from the explosion, Gavin uncovered dozens of long-forgotten, dusty crates containing 28,000 prints, lantern slides and negatives revealing 19th-century views of Middle Eastern scenes, architecture and figures. The Harvard Semitic Museum suddenly found itself owner of one of the largest comprehensive collections of photographs of the Middle East in the 19th century.

This finding led to the formation of F.O.C.U.S. years later. In 1978, Gavin organized this world-wide campaign to fund, organize, copy, use and share early photographs of the Middle East as a means of preserving its cultural heritage. F.O.C.U.S. exhibits and seminars have been presented at Oxford University, in Paris and in the Middle East.

King Fahd's grant will help the museum to go on with the task of finding, organizing, copying, using and sharing old photos of early Middle Eastern times with renewed vigor.



JAFFA STREET: A view of the street of the Jaffa gate at Jerusalem (1867-1890). Courtesy: Harvard Semitic Museum.



Pop's threat to South Pacific music

By Asif Khan

SUVA, Fiji (Depthnews) — A big effort is under way in the South Pacific to save its traditional music which faces extinction as more and more young people turn to Western pop music. The survival of indigenous music in some cases now depends on "whether one elderly person lives or dies," says David Fanshawe, who has been traveling thousands of miles recording South Pacific music for posterity.

"I'm just in the nick of time," he says. "Pacific Islands' tradition, culture, music and legend are vanishing fast."

He came across an 84-year-old man in Tokelau, a group of three atolls, who was the only person to know traditional chants and songs. He taught music to 56 fellow islanders with encouragement from Mrs. Fanshawe.

Giving another example, also from Tokelau, a non-self governing territory under New Zealand's administration, he said: "A woman who celebrated her 80th birthday while I was there was the only person to know ancestral songs going back 200 to 300 years. She neither reads nor writes, but knows them from memory."

Fanshawe, a 49-year-old Englishman, has already recorded well over 200 hours of music from several islands. His tapes are with the University of the South Pacific where he is composer in residence. The tapes form part of an Archives of Pacific Music which he is helping to establish at the USP's Laucala campus in Suva, the Fijian capital.

He has brought his portable studio from London to the university, and uses sophisticated equipment to ensure the tapes are of the highest quality.

The USP considers it vitally important to preserve "this valuable musical heritage for the future." It sees the project as an unprecedented opportunity to build and bouse

under one roof the largest Pacific collection of traditional music, chant and legend.

The university, serving 11 island countries all of which are in the Commonwealth, approached the Commonwealth Foundation for financial support for this two-year project. The foundation, which promotes cooperation among professionals and non-governmental organizations of the 47 Commonwealth countries, made a £ 10,000 grant to help meet Fanshawe's costs.

The USP covers an area of about 4,800 kms, making it the largest university of its kind in the world. Countries served are Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Western Samoa. Although Fanshawe became officially associated with the USP only last year, he began recording in the Pacific in 1978 when he made a six-month reconnaissance tour.

That visit yielded 60 hours of music from Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Western Samoa, Cook Islands and Tahiti. A copy of the collection was presented to the university in 1981 together with a long playing record featuring highlights of the tour.

Fanshawe, married with two young children, was appointed to his present post last July. He is well known in international musical circles as a composer of distinction. He has also written several film and television scores. His earlier works include "African Sanctus," which combines the music, chants and sounds of more than 50 African tribes with a Latin Mass. It was the result of long and arduous journeys across many countries in the continent.

"Sanctus" was turned into a ballet in New York, and an award-winning film for the British Broadcasting Corporation's TV program, Omnibus. It has had about 350 performances all over the world, including one at the USP in 1978. Fanshawe's aim now is to build a lib-

rary of 500 hours of Pacific islands music. He will combine some of this with his own compositions to create a large-scale orchestral and choral work, *Pacific Odyssey*, which, he hopes, will be acceptable universally without losing its original ethnic flavor.

After its initial performance in the Pacific, *Odyssey* will have its world premiere in London. Fanshawe also plans several LPs, a TV film and a book on his experiences. Traveling through the Pacific is not always easy, and reaching remote islands can be particularly hazardous. The journey through northern Cook Islands, where he spent six months, was one of the hardest he had ever made, he said.

His equipment and tapes were in constant danger in stormy seas and when negotiating reefs and bouncing along humpy roads on small motorbikes. He said Western pop music was not the only threat to tradition music; another was video, pervasive throughout the islands.

He said: "Old people won't wait. I would have liked to be here 200 years ago, but there were no tape recorders then." Fanshawe's wife, Judith, says her husband is obsessed with the idea of getting traditional music on tape before it is too late.

"Some inner compulsion drives him to do this," she said. He believes that it is not only some of the animal species that are threatened with extinction but whole cultures in the more remote parts of the world.

Fanshawe's is just one of several South Pacific projects to have been supported by the Foundation, headed by a former Australian diplomat and award-winning playwright, Ric Throssell. A foundation grant recently enabled a young Tongan doctor, Palu Lassalo, to train in neurology at the famous Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore, South India.

Imposed by EEC

Danes refuse to extend Soviet curbs

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 18 (R) — Danish members of parliament refused Friday to renew European Economic Community trade sanctions against the Soviet Union, parliamentary sources said.

Denmark's Conservative-Liberal coalition government failed to get majority support from parliament's powerful Common Market relations committee for the sanctions to be continued, after the opposition Social Democrats withdrew their support for the action, the sources said. The 17-member parliamentary committee steers Denmark's Common Market policy.

The sanctions were imposed by the community last March, three months after martial law was declared in Poland. After the meeting, Danish Foreign Minister Uffe

Ellemann-Jensen said his government would now present parliament with a bill of Danish sanctions instead of European Community restrictions.

Parliamentary sources said Danish sanctions to replace the current measures which expire March 1 would probably receive majority support in parliament.

Ellemann-Jensen criticized the Social Democrats for not continuing to support the community sanctions, adding: "It would be a slap in the face for the Polish people, showing a lack of solidarity with our allies, to give up the sanctions."

The new bill would come under article 224 of the Treaty of Rome which allowed Denmark to impose its own sanctions rather than go through the community, the sources said.

Kjeld Olsen, a former Danish Social Democratic foreign minister and member of the committee, told Reuters his party had only reluctantly supported the sanctions under their present form which was based on article 113 of the Treaty of Rome.

His party felt the article detracted from the sovereignty of the Danish Parliament and it preferred article 224. The community sanctions ran until last December when its 10 member-states agreed to extend them in two-month period.

The sanctions affect 30 products — in Denmark's case only two percent of its imports from the Soviet Union — including canned fish, glass and pianos, to a total annual value of 15 million crowns (\$1.8 million).

we shall see our markets further eroded."

In an unrelated development, two senators charged that the U.S. government has failed to monitor adequately the lending practices of American banks to financially troubled developing nations.

Senator William Proxmire, a leading Democrat in banking matters, and Senator John Heinz, a Republican, have warned that unless the Federal Reserve improves its regulation of commercial banks' international loans, Congress will resist increasing U.S. funding to the International Monetary Fund.

Proxmire and Heinz are sponsors of legislation that would authorize the Federal Reserve to impose country-by-country limits on loans by U.S. banks and to require banks to hold special reserves to back high-risk foreign loans.

U.S., EEC trade war over farm subsidies heats up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — A mixed chorus of senators and farmers urged the Reagan administration Thursday to counterattack in what they saw as a U.S. war with the European Economic Community (EEC) over the world's agricultural produce market. The call came during a meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee on a dozen draft bills to help U.S. farmers export their products.

Committee Chairman Senator Jesse Helms, a North Carolina Republican,

accused the 10-nation EEC of paying "massive government subsidies" to community farmers, enabling them to compete "unfairly" with U.S. farmers.

"We are in a trade war," charged Alabama Democratic Senator Howell Heflin. "I think the time has come for the United States to stop retreating... and take action to launch a counterattack."

Senate anger at the EEC followed a drop in U.S. agricultural exports in 1982 for the first time in 13 years and government predictions of a further drop in 1984. The falls were blamed on EEC subsidies for its farm products.

American farm bureau federation Chairman Robert Delano told the committee: "If we do not respond with stronger export financing programs and competitive pricing,

Japan economy on the rise

PARIS, Feb. 18 (AP) — Japan's economy has been gaining steadily in relation to other non-Communist industrialized nations while Britain's economy has been losing ground, according to data published Friday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The data was contained in the OECD's latest annual report on the national accounts of its 24-member countries. The report contains estimates of gross domestic product (GDP) based on purchasing power parities (PPPs).

The OECD said PPPs, which are international price indexes, give a more accurate picture of the volumes of goods and services actually produced in different countries. PPPs are calculated by comparing prices in one country directly with those of another.

The statistics in the report reveal that although Japan's per capita GDP was below the average for the OECD area between 1978 and 1981, its relative position improved steadily over the period.

On the basis of the average per capita GDP

in the OECD equaling 100, Japan stood at 98 in 1981, up from 96 in 1980, 93 in 1979 and 92 in 1978.

At the same time, the OECD found Britain's per capita GDP slipped to 85 in 1981 from 87 in 1980, 89 in 1979 and 90 in 1978.

The deterioration in the relative strength of the U.S. economy was less marked: From 132 in 1978 it eased gradually to 129 in 1981.

The United States continued to have the highest per capita GDP of the OECD member country in 1981 at \$12,647, up from \$11,416 in 1980.

The tiny European state of Luxembourg was catching up fast, however, with a per capita GDP of \$11,097 in 1981 compared with \$9,916 a year earlier.

Dollar rates record gains

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP) — The U.S. dollar rose against leading foreign currencies Friday in cautious trading. Gold bullion prices drifted lower but remained above the \$500 level.

European dealers described the pre-weekend trading as quiet and said investors were reluctant to make radical moves ahead of Monday's closing of New York markets for a national holiday.

The dollar began the day stronger, closing in Tokyo at 233.75 Japanese yen, up from Thursday's 232.10, but still 2.50 yen lower than last Friday's close of 236.35.

In London, the dollar edged up against the pound, with the British currency trading at \$1.5415, compared with \$1.5425 on Thursday.

Other dollar rates in Europe compared with Thursday included: 2.4040 West German marks, up from 2.3935, 1.9957 Swiss francs, up from 1.9895, 6.8225 French

Rizzoli Bros. arrested on fraud charges

MILAN, Feb. 18 (R) — Police Friday arrested the chairman and two former top executives of Italy's largest but financially troubled publishing group, Rizzoli, owner of the leading daily *Corriere Della Sera*.

Chairman Angelo Rizzoli, 39, his brother Alberto, 37, and Bruno Tassin Din, 47, were arrested on fraud charges five months after the management of the group was placed in the hands of court-appointed administrators to save it from bankruptcy.

A senior group executive, Giancarlo Mondovì, said the arrests followed the discovery of a 29 billion lire (\$21 million) discrepancy in the group's accounts dating back to 1976. Banco Ambrosiano, which collapsed with massive debts last year, held a major stake in the Rizzoli group through a financial subsidiary, La Centrale.

Tassin Din quit as group managing director earlier this month. Alberto Rizzoli was managing director until 1979.

Magistrates said the three were arrested on two charges under Italy's bankruptcy laws, one alleging fraud and the other concealment of debts from the court-appointed administrators.

Angelo Rizzoli and Tassin Din were both named in 1981 as members of the illegal P-2 Masonic lodge, the exposure of which brought down the government of former Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani.

Toyota, GM sign agreement

FREMONT, California, Feb. 18 (AFP) — Japan's Toyota Motors and the United States' top automobile manufacturers, General Motors, signed an agreement for a joint venture to build a small car in the United States.

Designed by Toyota, 200,000 of the new economy cars will be constructed at the General Motors factory here, which had been closed for the past year due to the crisis in the U.S. automobile industry.

At the signing ceremony, Toyota President Eiji Toyoda hailed the project as setting "an example of new industrial cooperation that may give a solution to trade problems that exist between the two countries."

But he conceded that "today's ceremony marks only a beginning of a venture and perhaps it will have to face many difficulties in the future."

francs, up from 6.7885, 2.6565 Dutch guilders, up from 2.6520, 1,387.15 Italian lire, up from 1,379.00, 1.22505 Canadian dollars, unchanged.

London's five major bullion dealers set Friday's gold-fixing price at \$502.25 a troy ounce, down marginally from 502.875 Thursday.

In Zurich, the precious metal cost \$502, down from \$504.50.

In Hong Kong, gold lost \$3.33 to close at \$500.66. Silver was quoted in London at \$14.5 a troy ounce, down from \$14.65 Thursday.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London 504.00
Paris 503.10
Frankfurt 503.50
Zurich 503.50
Hong Kong 500.66

By using tankers

A way to make deserts bloom

LONDON, Feb. 18 (R) — An idea to utilize oil tankers to make the deserts bloom in the Middle East and north Africa has attracted enough interest to prompt an international seminar.

The idea is that big tankers, instead of returning empty to oil-producing states like Saudi Arabia, Libya and the United Arab Emirates, could take on precious fresh water.

The fresh water could be used in place of sea water as ballast and generate extra revenue for tanker operators, hard hit by a substantial drop in world demand for oil.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) believes the idea is now becoming viable and this week sent out invitations to 122-member countries to discuss it at a two-day seminar in London at the end of May.

One expert said the idea could be much more practical and much less costly than towing huge icebergs from the Antarctic as a source of fresh water. IMO officials said the idea of turning tankers into water-

carriers was not new but never got far before because of technical difficulties and cost factors.

When the tanker market was buoyant, operators doubted that potential profits outweighed the time, effort and cost involved. Now things have changed. A record 458 tankers were laid up out of work at the end of last year.

IMO officials said Japan, Norway and Libya had done studies and felt the idea could become a reality. Libya was jointly organizing the London seminar, officials added.

Three Japanese companies are looking at the feasibility of a deal with the United Arab Emirates. Tankers arriving from the emirates would unload their oil then proceed to Yachima, which has some of the heaviest rainfall in Japan, to take on fresh water before heading back to the Arabian Gulf.

IMO officials explained that when tankers discharged their oil, they usually filled some of their tanks with sea water to act as ballast on the return trip.

Egypt, Lebanon to boost trade

CAIRO, Feb. 18 (AP) — Egypt and Lebanon have agreed in principle to boost their trade and tourist relations, a visiting Lebanese cabinet minister was quoted Friday.

The state-controlled Middle East News Agency quoted Economy and Tourism Minister Ibrahim Halawa as saying Egypt agreed to revive a 1965 economic protocol which provided for removal of customs barriers in bilateral trade.

"Egypt and Lebanon have reached a tentative agreement in principle to restore

economic relations to the state existing before 1981 when their 1965 protocol — which stipulated cancellation of customs duties on the exchange of goods — was abrogated," he said.

Halawa's visit, which began Monday, was the latest in stepped up Egyptian-Lebanese contacts since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last June.

"The Lebanese economy is going through a critical stage now as a result of the Israeli military intervention," Halawa told the agency.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Thursday	Cash	Transfer
Baharini Dinar	9.16	9.15
Bangladesh Taka	14.20	14.30
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	73.80
Canadian Dollar	2.23	2.23
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.45	144.20
Dutch Guilder (100)	130.75	130.50
Egyptian Pound	3.15	3.11
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	91.25	91.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	42.00	41.85
Indian Rupee (100)	35.10	35.10
Iranian Rial (100)	5.80	5.80
Israeli Dinar	25.40	25.22
Italian Lira (10,000)	15.30	15.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.75	9.72
Jordanian Dinar	11.87	11.79
Kuwaiti Dinar	87.50	86.85
Lebanese Lira (100)	52.50	54.45
Moroccan Dirham (100)	28.10	26.95
Pakistani Rupee (100)	36.95	36.95
Philippines Peso (100)	5.37	5.34
Pound Sterling	95.00	94.70
Qatari Riyal (100)	167.00	167.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	27.05	27.05
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	173.90	173.73
Swiss Franc (100)	62.00	61.60
Syrian Lira (1,000)	3.45	3.44
Turkish Lira (1,000)	75.15	75.15
U.S. Dollar		
Yemeni Riyal (100)		

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6441000, Jeddah.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Municipal & Rural Affairs Ministry	Temporary asphalt for Sorat Ubadah villages	245	2,000	Feb. 13
" " "	Lighting Haki old streets	246	1,000	Feb. 14
" " "	Construction of 3 model markets in Stamasia, Qassim	247	500	Feb. 15
" " "	Construction of a mosque, Riyadh	248	2,000	Feb. 19
" " "	Asphalt, paving & lighting in Zulfi	54/402/403	8,000	Jan. 30

PORTS AUTHORITY

JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT
SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON
4TH J'AWWAL 1403/17TH FEBRUARY, 1983

1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3.	Hellen	El Hawi	Contr/Gen.	15.2.83
4.	Najran Zahabia	El Hawi	Gen/Stl/Marble	14.2.83
5.	Nafessa	Abdullah	Gen/Stl/Ply	14.2.83
6.	Mina	Kanoo	Sugar	18.2.83
7.	Laline P	O.C.E.	Fruits	16.2.83
8.	Jay Lami	Baboud	Tiles Timber	16.2.83
9.	Silvretta	A.A.	Bulk Wheat	15.2.83
10.	New Zealand Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	15.2.83
11.	Al Fajr Al Saudi I	Al Sabah	Steel/Marble	15.2.83
12.	Magida	Abdullah	Contr/Gen.	14.2.83
15.	Golden Benin	El Hawi	Gen/Timber	15.2.83
17.	Shokan Maru	O.C.E.	Apples	15.2.83
18.	Promitheus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	16.1.83
19.	Jeddah Cement I	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	13.2.83
20.	Sedge	Barnadoah	Steel/Timber	14.1.83
21.	Ikanian Reefer	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	15.2.83
22.	Edinburgh Uni.	Star	Bananas	15.2.83
23.	Barber Tennessee	Barber	Gen/Cont	16.2.83
24.	Florida	Shobokshi	Steel/General	15.2.83
25.	Maldiva Ambassador	O.T.A.	Tiles/Gen.	16.2.83
26.	Sunderbans	A.E.T.	Foodstuffs	17.2.83
27.	Good Warrior	A.E.T.	General/Steel	16.2.83
28.	Caribbean Uni.	Star	Bananas	15.2.83
30.	Jadro	Astar	Tiles	14.2.83
33.	Bailey	Gulf	Stl/General	15.2.83
34.	Chester Maersk	Kanoo	Containers	13.2.83

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SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS OF
4.5.1403/17.2.1983 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS

1. VESSELS DISCHARGING:

No.	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
1.	Atlas	Alfreza	Sugar	3.2.83
2.	Sweet Flag	SMC	Gen/Plywood	13.2.83
3.	Ibn Khaldoun	Kanoo	General	15.2.83
5.	Saudi Al Madina	Ori	General	8.2.83
8.	Blankenburg	UEP	General	16.2.83
10.	Gui Jiang	Ori	Gen/Timber	5.2.83
13.	Asia Chilho	SEA	General	31.1.83
15.	Sea Astrea	SEA	Gen/Timber	8.2.83
17.	Han Nara	OCE	General	2.2.83
18.	Halla Partner	Gulf	General	3.2.83
19.	Kaghan	SEA	General	1.2.83
21.	Kilmarnock	Kanoo	Bulk Cement	30.1.83
24.	Fathulhachir	Kanoo	Loading Empty	1.2.83
25.	Union Yenbo	OCE	Loading Empty	1.2.83
26.	Axel Maersk	Kanoo	Containers	30.1.83
27.	Falcon Cement	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	28.1.83
28.	MIA	Barber	Bulk Barytes	26.1.83
29.	Tarpon Star	SCSA	General	25.1.83
30.	Federal Huran	SMC	General	28.1.83
31.	Union Beauty	Altawil	Steel/Gen.	28.1.83
33.	Paara Flag	Al Sabah	Camen Silo Val	4.1.83
37.	Garcia Larca (D.B.)	Barber	Bulk Cement	29.1.83
38.	Nischo Maru (D.B.)	Globe	Bulk Cement	27.1.83

OPEN INVITATION IN RIYADH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1983

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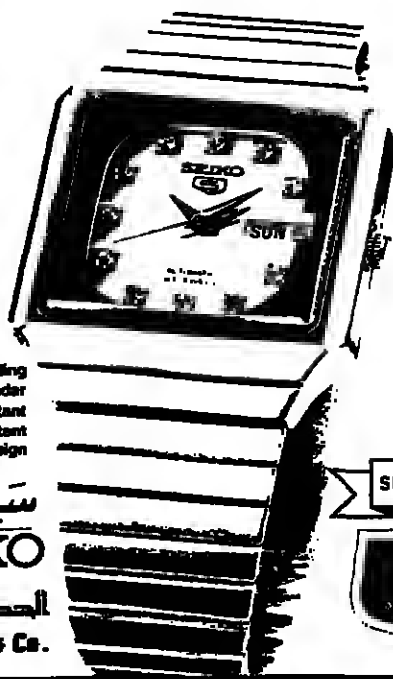
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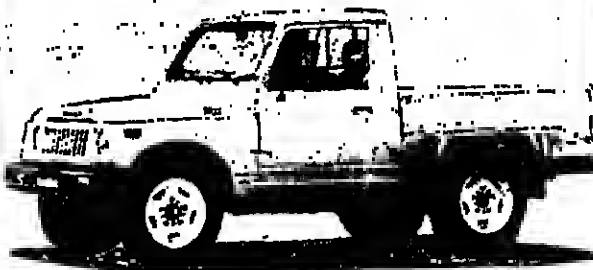
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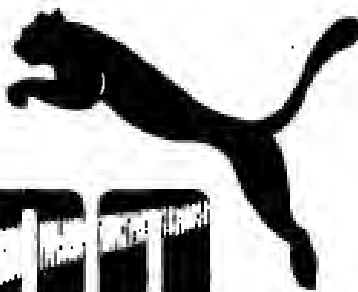
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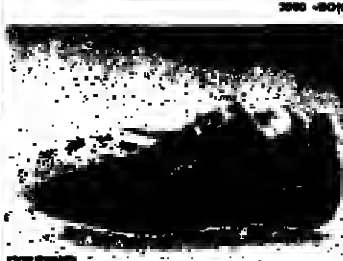
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Remembering CARE packages

Germans raise money for U.S. soup kitchens

By Paul Taylor

BONN (R) — It sounds incredible, but it's true: 38 years after the end of World War II, West Germans are sending food parcels to the United States.

Parcels are sent by private charity organizations, factory and town councils and church groups. From Germany apparently convinced that unemployed Americans are starving in Detroit, capital of the U.S. motor industry, it all began in December when West German television repeatedly showed film of people's kitchens doling out soup to queues of jobless in Detroit, where Mayor Coleman Young had declared a "hunger emergency."

The heart-rending pictures were accompanied by commentaries with a political undertone suggesting that under President Ronald Reagan, many out-of-work Americans were going hungry while the government spent billions on arms programs. The message fitted neatly with the poor image of the conservative Reagan administration among many West Germans.

"I never thought that twice in my life I would see pictures from the rich United States of thousands queuing for a bowl of soup," former Chancellor Willy Brandt told a Social Democratic rally last month, in a comment geared to an election campaign.

Blaming the scenes on right-wing economic recipes, he called them "dreadful results of an ideologically blinkered policy." The public response has been widespread. A Lutheran pastor in Hanover launched a "help for Detroit" appeal to raise money for the soup kitchens. Car workers in Ruesselsheim passed the bat round for U.S. colleagues made redundant by General Motors.

The town council of Dietzenbach, near Frankfurt, donated \$10,000 to Detroit, and a

group in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's home town of Ludwigshafen sent food parcels. A generation ago, it was aid from the United States which helped get a shattered post-war West Germany back on its feet. The help came in the form of "CARE" packages of food and clothing and above all in the Marshall Plan, launched by then-U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall.

The present wave of aid offers, spurred partly by gratitude for that effort, has embarrassed the U.S. embassy in Bonn. Diplomats are privately angry about the tone of some of the West German media coverage of American unemployment. "The donors are sincere. But they don't seem to realize their generosity is perhaps being manipulated, by the media and others, for political reasons," one official said.

The U.S. Information Agency has distributed reports here aimed at discouraging donations from overseas. One lists the welfare benefits which unemployed Americans receive. Another quotes a jobless worker in Detroit, named only as "Curly," saying: "They're good people if they want to do that. But if there's some way you can tell them, please tell them thanks, but we sort of look out for each other in this city."

West German unemployment, seen as a proportion of the total work force, has soared to near the level of the United States. It was 10.2 percent of the work force here in January, compared to 10.4 percent in the United States. Some West Germans, however, seem to feel that charity begins abroad.

Workers at the Adam Opel car factory in Ruesselsheim, a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Motors, have raised \$16,000 to help feed workers laid off by the parent company in Detroit.

Belgian ecologists set trend

By Stephen Nisbet

LIEGE, Belgium (R) — Sharing political power with ecologists is a new and evidently unsettling prospect for the traditional parties of Western Europe — but here in Liege it has already become a reality.

The necessity of compromise with those once dismissed by Liege liberals as anarchists and strange people is now an established fact of municipal life in the French-speaking city. Aymond Yans, a Buddhist and diplomat on political leave from Belgium's Foreign Ministry, is one of six councilors of the Ecolo Movement who last month began governing this nearly bankrupt city of 215,000 people as partners with a 23-seat grouping of socialists and Wallonian nationalists.

His approach to curing the deep-seated problems of the city and the region is anything but orthodox. "The ecologists can make the pill of slower economic growth easier to swallow by making everyday life more agreeable and giving more importance to leisure and self-discovery," he says.

This cuts right across the grain of Socialist Mayor Eduard Close, a six-year veteran who vows that he will not be a party to schemes to transform his city into a desert with flowers. Dynamic as it promises to be, however, their relationship is not wholly antagonistic.

The mayor, for instance, acknowledges that part of the city center resembles a bomb site, with constant public works such as new highway exits, a railway extension or an underground bus station. He accepts that past council administrations bear some of the responsibility for insensitive urban planning. He agrees that reliance on the motor car went too far and public transport has to be

improved to encourage drivers to leave their vehicles outside the central area.

Mayor Close admits that the primacy of the automobile is no longer as widely accepted these days as it once was. But he complains that many projects to which the Ecolos object belong to the state, not the council. And while his party has many policy similarities with the ecologists, working with them required a change of style, the mayor said. "Policy used to be settled within a small circle," he said. "One could decide and explain afterward. Now one has to discuss problems with many people, convince them first and only then make the decision."

M. Yans, sipping tea in an ante-room (he shuns the deep leather chair, marble table and ceiling paintings of his official domain) he says the council should ask the government to stop big, expensive public works projects. He says it should spend the money instead on house renovation and the development of home industries using bio-technology and micro-electronics.

Place St. Lambert, previously the bustling center of the town, has been turned into a giant car park, while pleasant tree-lined walks along the banks of the Meuse River have been replaced by lanes of concrete. "Liege has lost 20,000 of its population in the last six years as houses have been destroyed to bring motorways to the city center," Yans complains.

But he recalls with amusement the skepticism of traditional politicians as they watched the ecologist movement thrash out the strategy they were to bring to the Liege coalition. Another Ecolo councilor, Olivier Bribosia, wonders whether power will corrupt.



High rail to ease Manila's traffic jams

By Mamolo B. Jara

MANILA (Depthnews) — How do you beat Manila's traffic jams? Travel above it, so goes the joke.

But traveling above the mass of slow-moving vehicles in Manila's main streets may cease to be a joke. The first few hundred concrete columns of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) system are going up, and by mid-1984 millions of commuters would be traveling daily "above the traffic jams."

Traffic bottlenecks are a daily occurrence in Manila even in fine weather. The situation gets doubly messy during the rainy season that starts in June and ends in September when streets get flooded and potholes paralyze the movement of vehicles. There is no escaping from the scramble to get to the city in the morning and out of it in the afternoon. Because the streets are too narrow for the big number of vehicles using the roads, one stalled car can create monstrous traffic bottlenecks over a wide area.

Even without the transient workers that flood Manila daily, the city is already bursting at the seams with its population of more than four million. During the day, this figure swells as residents of the three other cities — Pasay, Quezon and Calocan — and the 13 municipalities comprising Metro Manila, converge on the city.

Despite the relocation of some government offices to places outside the city limits, and the growth of business centers in the suburbs, Manila remains the country's main business and entertainment hub and the site of international conferences. The LRT now under construction at a cost of \$2.53 million is the hoped-for solution to the agonizing traffic mess in Manila. Running two ways about 15 feet above the ground, both sides of the road would still be open to vehicular traffic. Thus the system would not impede traffic at street level.

Other mass transport systems, such as the monorail and subway, were considered for Metro Manila, but later abandoned. Although it would cost much less than the LRT system, the monorail would service only short distances and accommodate only half that of the LRT's capacity. Government transport planners said there was no way the monorail system could be used as an inter-modal means of transportation.

The noise pollution factor also worked in favor of the LRT. The system will only have a noise level of 20 decibels, or 30 decibels at its

worst; monorail trains would have 125 to 130 decibels. The LRT will use resilient wheels and its special suspension system is designed to reduce the noise on the motor drives of LRT cars.

Light Rail Transport Authority (LRTA) officials said that besides being non-smoke belchers, LRT cars would be no noisier than the diesel engine buses that operate in the city. The subway proposal was similarly junked because of the gargantuan expense it would take to construct the system. Another overriding reason was the peculiar geological structure of Manila, with its water table practically at land surface.

A subway would be easily vulnerable to floods. Moreover, a jumble of water pipes and utility cables lay beneath the surface of Manila's streets and relocating them would entail massive expenditures. Manila's transport system is a traffic manager's nightmare. The streets, dating back of postwar years and some to the Spanish era, are hopelessly constricted. Like most old cities of the world, Manila expanded without any zoning blueprint. The drainage and sewerage system, also of Spanish and pre-World War II vintage, is in a sorry state and often causes — instead of preventing — flooding.

Busted water pipes lay just beneath the pavement, thus weakening the base of streets and ultimately destroying the road. On the whole, however, Manila has been spared floods of the magnitude and destructive dimensions of the early 1970s when floods usually rose waist-high in several parts of the city. The government has launched a 10-year

flood control program in 1974 that resulted in the rehabilitation of drainage canals and the construction of eight mechanized stations that pump floodwaters from the city into the Manila Bay.

Still, heavy downpours cause floods that tie up traffic in many areas of the metropolis. But floods are one thing, the number of vehicles plying Manila's streets, quite another. There are about 2,750 buses and minibuses operating in Metro Manila, about 100,000 passenger jeepneys, 8,000 taxicabs and upwards of 200,000 privately-owned cars. A big percentage of these vehicles use the streets daily. The government's decision to adopt the LRT system was based on its passenger carriage capacity, energy-saving efficiency, potentials for upgrading and safety.

The LRT has been hailed as an efficient road space user, a crucial factor for any transport system in an area with a limited space as Metro Manila, particularly the city of Manila.

The LRT will service about 294,000 passengers daily on its Balintawak-Bacaran line, a distance of about 16 kilometers that will be covered in 15 minutes, compared with more than an hour's ride by bus under very light traffic conditions. The LRT will service three lines divided into stages I, II and III. Stage I will cover the distance starting from Balintawak in Quezon City, passing through Rizal Avenue in Manila and Pasay City and winding up at Bacaran near the new Manila International Airport (MIA) in the town of Parañaque.

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5-star disease afflicts Asian bureaucrats

By Arjuna

MANILA (Depthnews) — It is called the five-star affliction and hits only Asian government bureaucrats. It is a very expensive disease. Millions of rupees, bahts, pesos, yen, rupiahs, Singapore and Malaysian dollar squandered annually to find a cure.

But there seems to be no permanent remedy for the affliction at the present time. Only a temporary cure and the expense for its is bound to soar further given the inflationary conditions in the region.

General symptom of the disease is restlessness. The afflicted bureaucrat cannot seem to concentrate on his or her daily duties. Such an agitation disappears only when the one afflicted hies to the posh surroundings and eats at a five-star hotel.

Five-star hotels now abound in Asia. Even the most poverty-wracked nation in the region boasts of at least one. Their so-called reason for being is tourism which is supposed to be one of the "growth industries" of the region.

Since repairing to a luxurious five-star hotel without valid reason would bring on administrative if not criminal charges upon the head of a bureaucrat seized by the five-star disease, he or she has hatched the bright idea of holding staff conferences, seminars, workshops, etc. in such waiting places.

Thus, the bureaucratic everyday scene in Asia today includes the holding of governmental happenings in the five-star hotels, no matter if such occasions are completely irrelevant to the people's struggle for slightly better living conditions.

The bureaucrats discuss poverty, agricultural backwardness of labor under-productivity, public health problems and other issues afflicting Third World in the plushly carpeted and air-conditioned comfort of the conference rooms of the five-star hotels. During breaks in such discussions, the bureaucrats partake of a king of food which most of their compatriots dream of only.

As one senior Indian economist noted: "The five-star culture is with us to stay. Go to any Asian city — Tokyo, Bangkok, Jakarta, Singapore, Manila, Kuala Lumpur — you cannot escape it. It has got to be one of the conference halls in an internationally-known hotel chain. Sometimes, one wonders if the problems of Asian poverty and disease can ever be solved if such luxurious hotels were not there."

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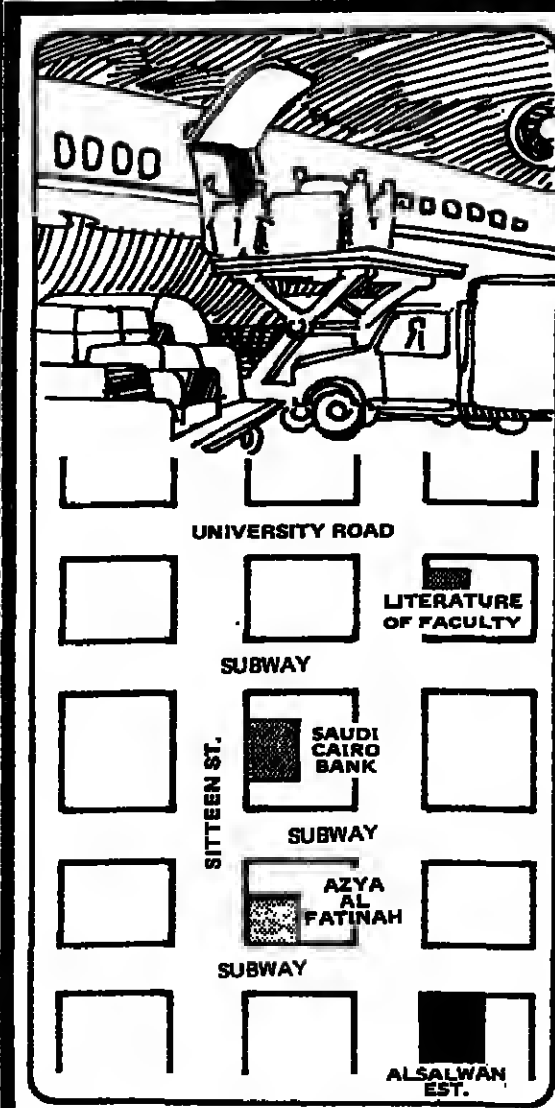
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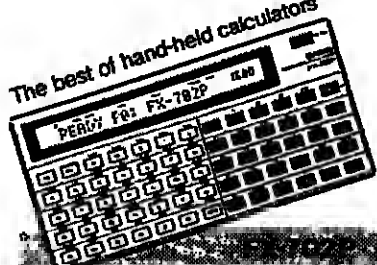
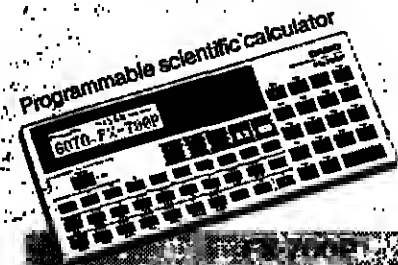
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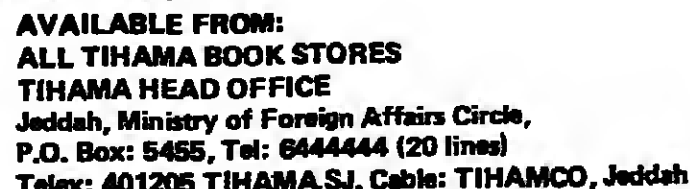
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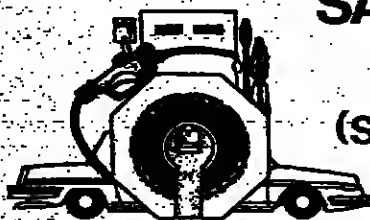
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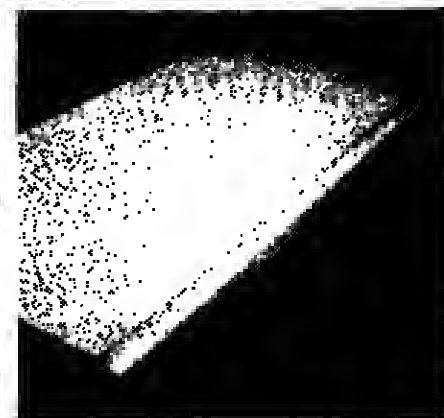
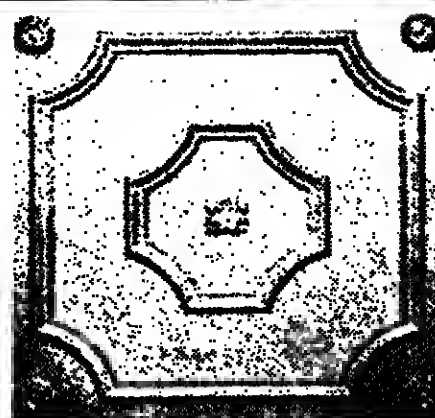
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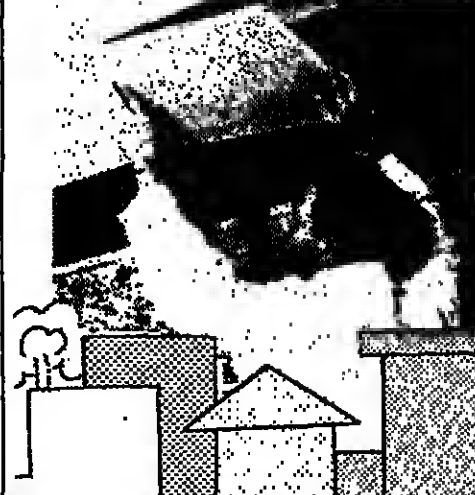
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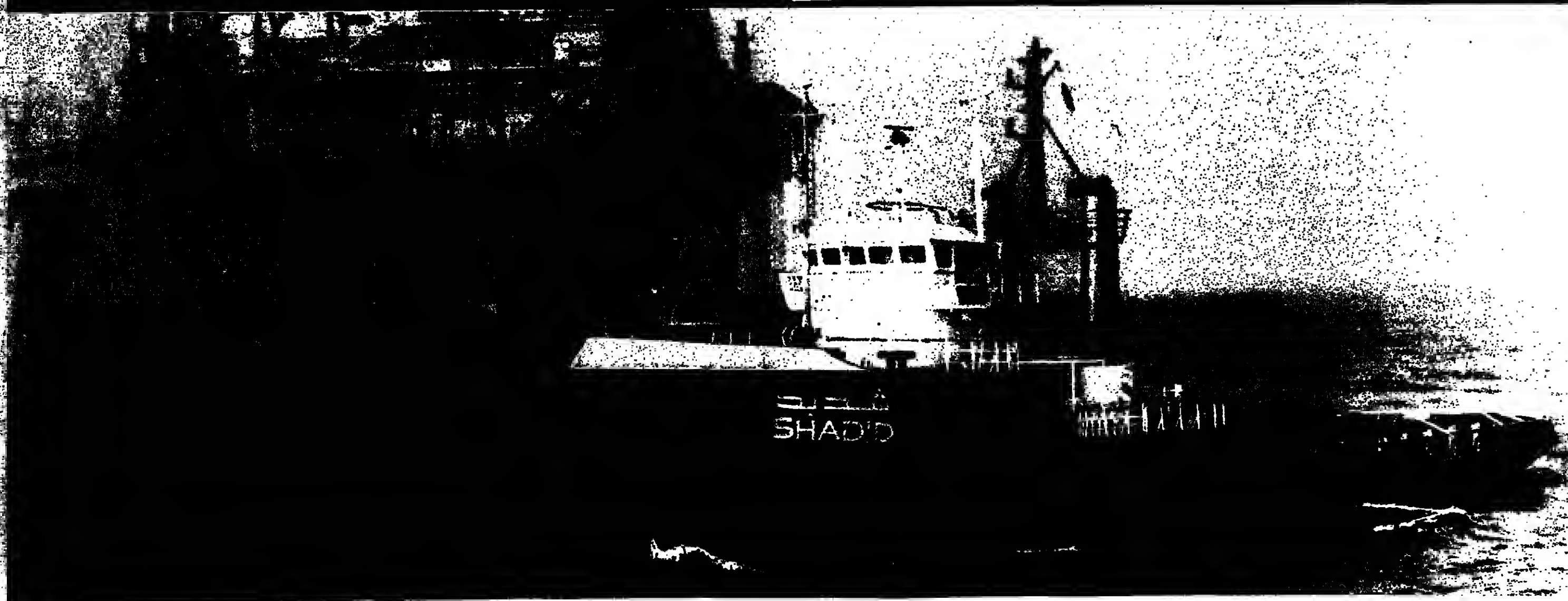
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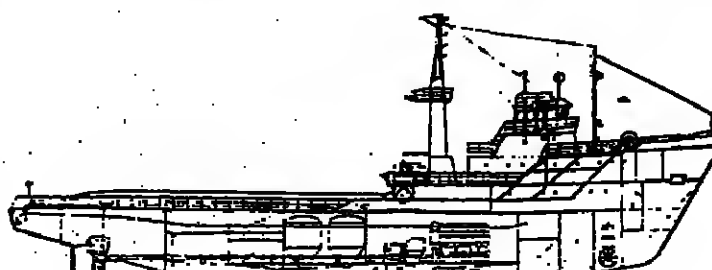
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Heated debate is on

Hong Kong's future under Chinese flag

By Michael Parks

HONG KONG (LAT) — Slowly, anxiously, the British crown colony of Hong Kong is accepting the inevitability of its future as a part of China.

What was a nightmarish prospect six months ago, rejected by most of Hong Kong's 5.5 million people, is now being negotiated by Britain and China, and the focus of discussion here has shifted toward what sort of place Hong Kong will be under the Chinese flag.

Proposed scenarios vary and there is a growing debate among Hong Kong's residents about how to get what is best for them. But for a colony which has been the epitome of laissez-faire capitalism, takeover by the Communist Chinese colossus will be wrenching under almost any scenario, all the more so because virtually everyone here is here because he prefers Hong Kong's freedom to the socialism of China.

Continuation of the status quo under British rule was the preference of 95 percent of Hong Kong residents, a public opinion poll showed last spring.

Concern has grown and is measurable now in the sharply increased efforts to immigrate to the United States, Canada and Australia, by the continued outflow of capital, by the much-diminished new investment and the delay of even the Hong Kong government's big projects and by what a social worker calls "a general rise of angst...and of social pathology."

"Hong Kong is going to be part of China not later than 1997," one council member, R. Denny Huang, said. "There is no doubt about it."

Students at the Chinese University now flock to meetings on the theme "Is China coming?" the head of the Hong Kong Professional Teachers Union wants a revision of the school curriculum to prepare students for the Chinese takeover. Secretaries and clerks at

the General Electric Co. office have begun to learn the standard Peking civil dialect. And senior Chinese civil servants are quietly moving abroad as they retire.

Hong Kong's future, long a taboo subject in both the British and Chinese communities here, became topic No. 1 last year when London and Peking agreed to negotiate what in effect will be the terms for the colony's return to Chinese sovereignty.

Britain's lease of 90 percent of Hong Kong's 410 square miles will expire in 1997 and strip the prosperous colony of most of its factories, housing and farmland, thus setting a deadline for the whole territory's return to Chinese sovereignty.

Britain claims to hold in perpetuity Hong Kong island itself and the Kowloon peninsula under two 19th-century treaties that China does not recognize, but it is trying to trade them for an agreement that will satisfy its acknowledged "moral responsibility" to the people of Hong Kong for their future.

China has succeeded in shaping this debate over the colony's future by declaring at the highest levels in Peking, and through its representatives here, that "Hong Kong will be governed by Hong Kong people and that 'nothing will change' in its economic or social system. Peking's plan is to make Hong Kong a 'special administrative region,' as provided for in the new Chinese constitution, and grant it maximum autonomy.

These Chinese assurances have brought forward dozens of ideas in the last four months on how to transform the British colony into a Chinese special administrative region, on what elements are essential to Hong Kong's "continued stability and prosperity," the stated Chinese and British goal, and on how to guarantee this settlement so that confidence is restored here.

The most comprehensive scenario, which is still only a partial plan, was put forward this month by Meeting Point, a group of about 40 politically active businessmen, social workers, teachers, lawyers and journalists who accept Peking's promises at face value and outline a transition from British colonial rule to self-government.

The Meeting Point proposal calls for election of a Chinese mayor, a city council and other officials, and legislation by China's National People's Congress, the country's parliament, to confirm continuation of capitalism here, including a convertible currency, a free port and the present legal system, and to ensure basic rights such as free speech, a free press and political participation for all.

"We stress Chinese nationalism as the basis for the resumption of Chinese sovereignty — we are, almost all of us, Chinese, and that is important—but we put Hong Kong first," said Yeung Sum, a lecturer in social work at Hong Kong University and a Meeting Point organizer. "The point is that identification with China as patriotic Chinese is different from identification with the political and economic system on the (Chinese) mainland."

A much different proposal is offered by Jimmy McGregor, a former government official who is now director of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. His solution, widely echoed in the foreign business community, is for the British to give back sovereignty, turning Hong Kong from a British colony into a special administrative region of China, but then, with Peking's agreement, to stay on as the administering power.

Dr. L.K. Ding, an American-educated physician has no doubt that Hong Kong will become a special administrative region of China. "So the focus of the discussion is not — at least should not be — how to keep the present system but how to maintain in a new one the freedoms it gives," he said.

word watch

By Howard Dana Shaw

The Sheik of yesterday: A friend was taken aback when he heard a radio announcer pronounce *sheik* SHAKE. How do you pronounce it? How do you spell it? All my dictionaries show two ways to pronounce it — SHEEK and SHAKE. Most of them give SHEEK first. Some say SHAKE is British.

Dictionaries I have consulted also show two spellings — *sheik* and *sheikh*. *Sheik* spelling is a little more likely to refer to an Arabian chief (of family, village, or tribe). A sheik, or sheikh, can also be an official in a Muslim religious organization.

Nowadays most of us, when we see the word, think of a billionaire oil producer from down east. To romantic gals of another day, a sheik was a young man who was irresistibly attractive.

Anybody around here remember Rudolph Valentino and the song "The Sheik of Araby?"

Hinting at a difference: A woman wrote to a human relations columnist in high dudgeon asserting that "children aren't raised, they are reared." I searched long and hard to find an authority that would back her up, and this was the result: Most dictionaries give *rear* as one defini-

tion *raise*, and *reare* as a definition of *rear*. But the American Heritage Dictionary, which has a Usage Panel that refers such things to, reports this way: *Raise*, in the sense of rearing children, is acceptable to 82 percent of the panel. *Rear* is the more formal term.

An author named Harry Shaw (no relationship) in *Errors in English*, says: "When referring to bringing up children, *rear*, *raise*, and *bringing up* may all be used. *Rear* is preferred; *raise* is colloquial."

Latin without pain: An everyday abbreviation that seems to give some folks trouble is *et cetera*. If you know your Latin (I flunked it myself) you know that *et cetera* stands for *et cetera*. And you are aware that *et* means "and" and that *cetera* means "the rest" or "others of the same kind."

Strictly speaking, it shouldn't be used as an equivalent of "and so forth" unless you're talking about similar things.

You can pronounce it ET SETTRA or ET SETRA. But don't say "and etc." as an occasional writer does.

According to a usage note in the American Heritage Dictionary, the abbreviation *et cetera* is proper in informal writing or technical or business use, but "it is not appropriate to formal writing in general."

Italy welcomes exiled king

By Peter Jarocki

ROME (LOS) — Italy has taken the first constitutional step needed to allow the country's former king, Umberto II, to return after 36 years of banishment.

A few days ago, the constitutional committee of the House of Deputies voted unanimously — apart from the abstention of the Communists — to abolish the articles in the republic's 1947 constitution which forbid the ex-sovereign and his male descendants to set foot on Italian soil.

Umberto II reigned for only 34 days in May and June of 1946 after his father, Victor Emmanuel III, had abdicated in his favor. During those days he campaigned vigorously for the retention of the monarchy in a constitutional referendum held on June 2, 1946. Although the monarchy did not fare badly, it lost to the republic, which was instituted with 12,100,000 votes in favor and 10,300,000 against.

Banishment followed. The House of Savoy was blamed for having helped Mussolini and fascism to power and 18 months later it was punished by the new constitution which made the king's exile compulsory.

Until the 1950s, the future of the monarchy remained an important political issue.

kept alive by the small but not insignificant Monarchist Party (now dissolved) — whose support came from the south of Italy, particularly Naples.

The new constitutional amendment is remarkably liberal. Not only would it permit the royal family to come back to Italy but it would allow them to vote, hold public offices and be elected not only to parliament but even to the presidency of the republic.

A reform of this sort had been in the air for some time and last September it was given new urgency for humanitarian reasons. Umberto, who is 78, was reportedly diagnosed in a London clinic as suffering from cancer. He has made it known that he would like to see Italy again before he dies.

Most Italians are in favor of the sick king's return but some opponents have not failed to note critically that in a recent letter of appeal, Umberto addressed the president of the republic as "Signor Pertini," ignoring his formal title, which indicates a lack of recognition of the result of the popular referendum to abolish the monarchy held almost 40 years ago.

The king's wish to see Italy again will certainly not be satisfied before late summer because, even if everything goes without a hitch, the constitutional reform will take at least six months to become law.



FIREWORKS: Whatever may be the anxieties about the political future of the colony, the Hong Kong residents celebrated the Chinese New Year with customary fireworks fantasy over the Victoria Harbor last Sunday with a total of 5,447 fireworks.

Bonsai culture

The art of dwarfing trees

By Maqbool A. Siraj

A fully grown orange tree, with marble sized fruits stands just 24 inches high. Another with a capacity to grow to a vertical height of 80 feet has been dwarfed to mere 12 inches, and guavas kiss earth in a tree not above 30 inches. A flight of imagination? No, it is all the wonder of Bonsai culture, a technique to dwarf trees, make them portable with all characteristics typical of a tree and intact.

You can virtually grow a forest on your mantelpiece or in the front veranda. Bonsai, originally a Chinese botanical skill, is finding wide popularity among nature-lovers and aesthetic home decorators keen on mingling nature with interior home decoration. The highly portable, mobile minitrees come handy to blend the houses with strands of nature by being adaptable to mud pots or even jars or large vases.

"Bonsais," the dwarfed trees, shed no physical features in their miniature forms. The stems become woody, send adventitious roots down, show usual symptoms of autumn or spring, develop inflorescence and yield fruit, no doubt smaller in size. The spectacle of a hougaia villaea or guava tree in full blossom with a height ranging from 18 to 36 inches is simply bewitching.

There are bonsais in natural forests too, though very rare. It is said natural bonsais are found by the side of rivulets in highly shaded trees or as parasite plants on the crevices of big trees.

Chinese developed the technique by studying the environment of natural bonsais. The bonsai culture at home is however possible and Japanese have developed the skill to virtually grow forests at home. Home culture involves the following process:

The graft or nursery seedling of a tree desired to be grown in a bonsai is pressed into a shallow container about six to eight inches in depth. Earthenware suit more as containers as they are porous and do not allow water to clog. Porcelain pots, bamboo shells or dealwood boxes can also be used provided

watering is controlled. Soil is then mixed with manure. Better avoid chemical fertilizers. Small pebbles or brickbats are kept around the roots to avoid exposure to sun and wind.

Careful pruning is vital in Bonsai culture as the branches protrude and plant asserts its right to grow into a tree. The protrusions which might rise skyward need to be chopped off neatly to curb the vertical growth. The branches which droop on sides should be left to grow sizably. The whole idea in scissoring should be aimed at lending the plant a shape of a fully grown tree.

Another way to check upward growth is to anchor down weights from the rising branches in order to bend them downward. It may also be achieved by tying them down to lower stout branches. Being flexible at early stage, the branches later develop natural bends. For tying purposes jute thread is preferable as it decays by itself while bending the branches. Metal wires leave scars over the bark.

Root pruning should be undertaken when it threatens to come out of the pot. Tap root (main root system) should not be pruned at a tender stage.

The trees should be kept in shady places and should be exposed to morning sun only in order to check photosynthesis. M.C. Madappa, a renowned bonsai culturist of India who has grown over 2,000 bonsais was able to restrict a tree to 12 inches. He achieved this marvelous feat by placing the plant under his glass-paneled table which allowed filtered sun. According to him, the ideal method is to grow bonsais beneath the creepers shade.

The pruning however does not affect the process of aging. The stem would get hardened later to acquire bark. Roots would also get tougher. In some situations the pruning alone will not do the trick. At times the stem would have to be twisted and allowed to gnarl.

Bonsai, being the perfect replica of a big tree, is catching the fancy of home decorators. Moreover researchers find them easy to keep inside laboratories and conduct experiments.

New York's street vendors

NEW YORK (AP) — Stella L. tried to interest passersby in jewelry displayed on top of a trash can on a sidewalk along Park Avenue, home of some of New York's wealthiest residents.

"Thank God, I can come out here," said the 62-year-old street vendor, adding that her husband had been unemployed since last February. She said she has to earn between \$10 and \$50 a day to supplement \$320-a-month social security check from the government.

But many people in the city want Stella and the thousands of other unlicensed vendors like her off the streets. Authorities say it is impossible to estimate how many vendors there are on the streets. The port authority has terminal is circled by vendors and the theater district around Broadway is lined with them. Canal Street, which runs through Chinatown, has them 24 hours a day.

Peddlers seem to be taking over the sidewalks, say pedestrians tired of squeezing past them and store owners who don't like the cut-rate competition in front of their own doors.

The peddlers attract customers because they offer merchandise such as stereo equipment or novelty items at competitive rates usually free of sales taxes, officials said. They also do not pay any rent, a distinct advantage over storeowners. The city's consumer affairs department is considering new restrictions limiting vendors to certain areas at certain times.

Joan Ramer, director of the community board for mid-Manhattan, wants the area where Stella was working declared off limits to peddlers between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. "Park Avenue looks like a bazaar," she testified at recent hearings on proposed restrictions. "The peddlers even regard the street as their personal property." Last year, one vendor told an architectural tour group to get off his corner, she said.

On Fifth Avenue, a popular street for tourists, a vendor who identified himself as Bob was selling the latest in sidewalk novelties, a soft plastic octopus that crawls down walls.

"They say we clog the sidewalks. What about that," he said, jerking his thumb toward a construction site that was forcing pedestrians through a narrow passageway.

Although they often spill into restricted areas in their quest for customers, most of the vendors "just want to make an honest living," said Leroy Watkins, the consumer affairs department's deputy general counsel. "We never tell consumers not to buy from vendors. We just caution them," said Gary Walker, a department spokesman. "You may not be getting a bargain."

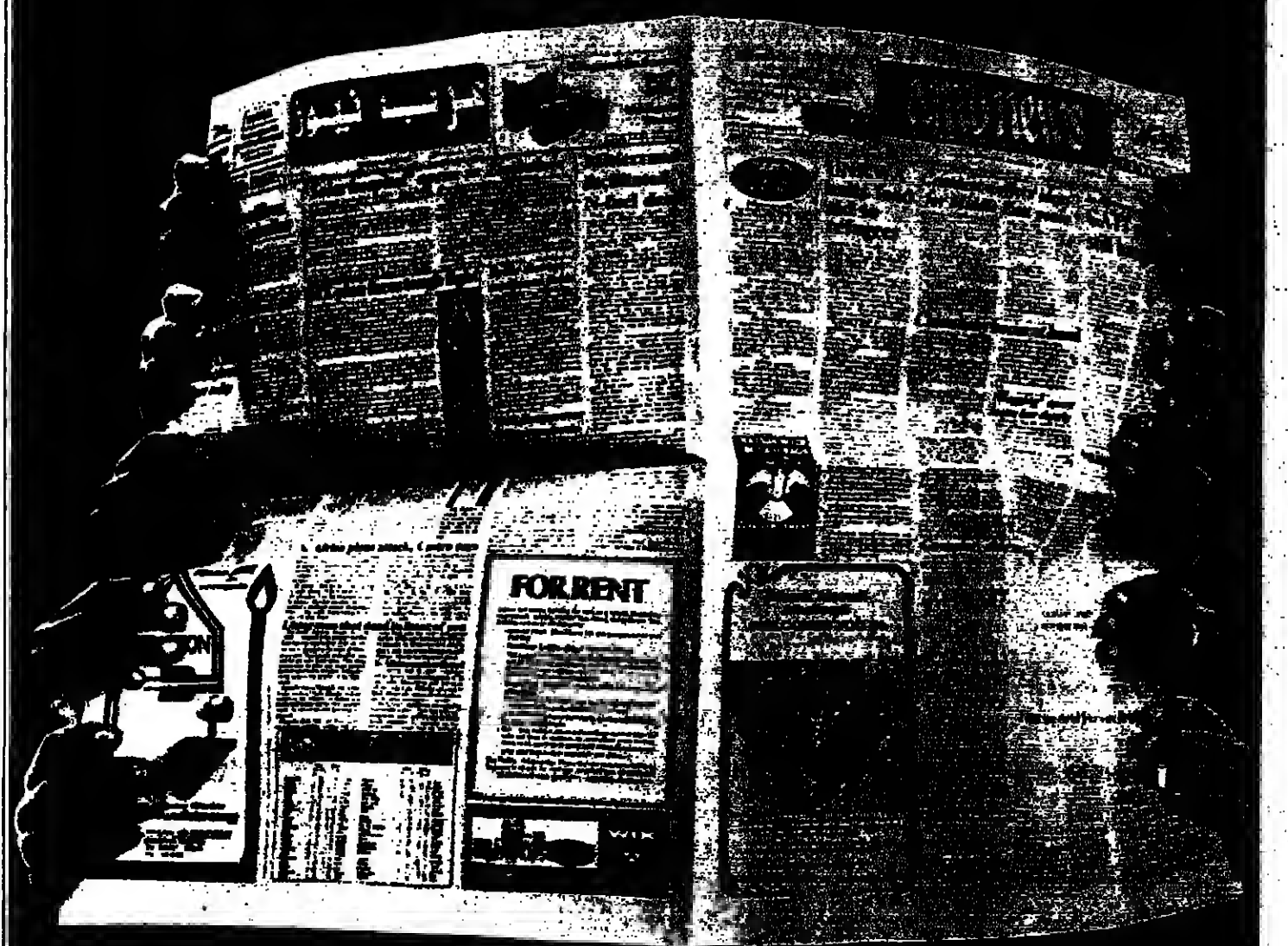
There are 458 non-food vendors with licenses but a greater number are unlicensed, avoiding a requirement to put up a \$2,500 bond, buy a \$25 license and pay sales taxes, police said. Before the last week of December the city began a crackdown on peddlers in Manhattan, issuing 2,542 summonses. It seemed to have little impact.

Even when their wares are seized, the peddlers usually have a "second stash" that lets them return to the streets in a few hours, said officer Ernest Fazio.



STUNTED: The stunted trunk of a 15-year-old bonsai specimen tree.

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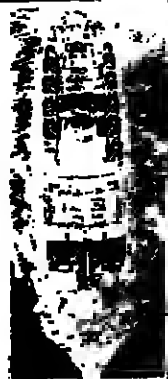
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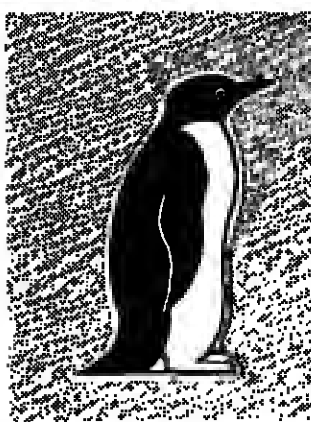
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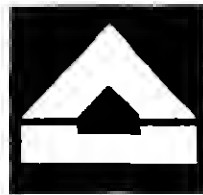
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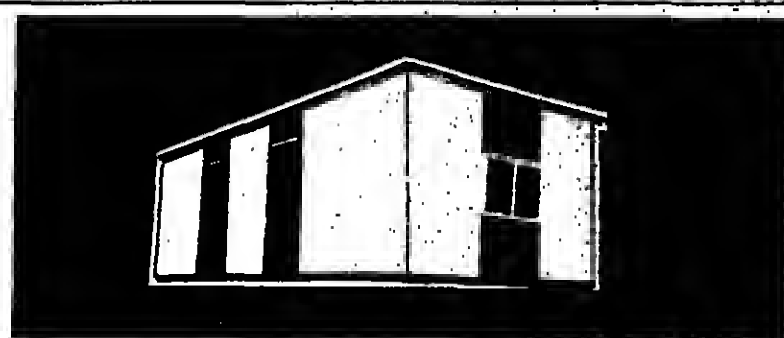
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As battle to contain bushfires goes on

Australian charged with arson

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — A 19-year-old youth was charged with arson Friday as firefighters battled to contain bushfires that have killed 69 persons in the past two days in southeastern Australia.

Adelaide police charged the youth with deliberately setting a fire in the Adelaide Hills where nine persons died and 100 homes were destroyed Wednesday.

In accordance with Australian law, the youth's name and details of the charges will not be released until he appears in court.

Police and firefighters in the ravaged states of Victoria and South Australia have claimed that some of the fires appeared to have been deliberately set. Victorian Premier John Cain said at one time 100 fires were burning in his state on Wednesday, and suggested that arsonists were responsible for some of the outbreaks.

Investigations into some of the fires came as the citizens of both states assessed the wreckage of the firestorms which destroyed more than 2,000 houses, left 8,000 persons homeless and caused at least \$350 million damage.

Tales of heroism and lucky escapes emerged Friday as the full extent of the disaster emerged. Survivors told how 83 of them squeezed into a concrete storm drain as trees and houses exploded around them in the 62

mile-an-hour winds.

Three pregnant women and 20 children were in the group which huddled all night in the culvert at Upper Yarra Valley, 80 kilometers north of Melbourne.

John Lakey, a reporter for a Melbourne newspaper, was trapped with them and told how fathers sang lullabies to the children who took their pets with them into the tunnel that carries the water pipes supplying Melbourne. "It's a miracle they survived," said a fire authority spokesman.

The fires Friday burned through the forest

Havoc reminds of atomic bombing

MELBOURNE, Feb. 18 (R) — Bushfires which raged through a small town near Melbourne caused damage equivalent to the blast of an atomic bomb like the one dropped on Hiroshima, according to a fire management expert.

Professor Ian Ferguson of Melbourne University's forestry department said the fire which obliterated the area around Cockatoo and killed 26 persons was about 30 times more intense than a normal bushfire.

"A controllable bushfire can be measured at about 2,000 kilowatts of heat energy per meter. These latest fires would be

surrounding the main catchment area for Melbourne's water supply and threatened the town of Warburton, 80 kilometers north of the state capital.

Almost 10,000 firefighters were deployed in Victoria where the fires have burned out 3,000 sq kms according to the department of agriculture. In south Australia where police said fires were under control 5,500 sq km were estimated to have been burned out.

The scale of the horror prompted a massive response from Australians who have flooded relief agencies with donations.

U.K. soldier takes tank for a joy ride

BASINGSTOKE, England, Feb. 18 (AP) — A soldier took a 50-ton army tank on 128-kilometer joyride along quiet country lanes Friday and ended up in a school playground, police said.

Residents of Basingstoke, a village 80 kilometers southwest of London, were awakened by the early-morning rumble, but there was little damage beyond a few crushed curb stones.

The tank, a modified version of the Chief-tan used for laying steel bridges, was driven from the Royal Armored Corps School at Bovington Camp in Dorset at 2 a.m.

A police spokesman, who did not want to be identified, said the driver was a soldier who had been on a night driving course.

Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, quoted an army official as saying: "Everybody else on the course had gone to bed, flaked out. This man decided to go for a ride."

Basingstoke police were questioning the unidentified soldier, but there was no immediate decision on whether to press charges.

Indian opposition boycotts parliament over Assam

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18 (R) — India's main non-Communist opposition parties boycotted parliament Thursday to protest the government's handling of election violence in Assam state, scene of some of the country's worst political unrest since independence in 1947.

At least 250 persons have been killed this month in ethnic clashes sparked by militant Hindu Assamese who want to halt voting for a new state assembly because, they say, electoral rolls have been swollen by illegal Muslim immigrants. The opposition boycott was aimed at President Zail Singh's opening speech to a new session of parliament.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government placed Assam under rule from New Delhi last March and changes would be needed to the Indian Constitution to extend central control beyond one year.

The voting for the 126-seat state assembly, which began on Monday and is due to end on Sunday, continued Friday in some areas amid reports of fresh clashes and incidents of arson. Tension remained high in the central town of Mangaldai, where authorities imposed a curfew Thursday night after nine persons were killed, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said.

Mrs. Gandhi called the elections after the breakdown of negotiations with the militant

Assamese groups which want the illegal immigrants, mostly Muslims from Bangladesh, expelled.

Most deaths reported so far have occurred in clashes between Hindu Assamese opposed to the elections and immigrant or tribal groups supporting the poll. In addition, many have been killed by police opening fire to disperse violent crowds and thousands have been left homeless as a result of arson attacks.

The five non-Communist parties, which boycotted parliament, oppose holding the elections in the current climate in Assam.

President Singh said in his speech that "divisive and disruptive forces are at work fomenting violence and weakening the national fabric."

Mrs. Gandhi said "We cannot go back on what was thought right for the people of Assam."

'Nessie' in news

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP) — The Loch Ness monster is back in the headlines. A magazine which said last August that "Nessie" could not exist said Friday it might.

"We cannot say that the monster does or does not exist. We do know enough, however, to say that it could," like Biologist Adrian Shine wrote Friday in *New Scientist* magazine.

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London	0	32	6 43 cloudy
Los Angeles	12	54	26 79 clear
Madrid	-6	21	10 50 cloudy
Manila	22	72	31 88 clear
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rejected this, too, and agreed that Gen. Saghi, head of military intelligence, and Gen. Yaron, commander of Beirut region, appear before the cabinet before it issues its resolution. The inquiry committee report, however, demanded Saghi's dismissal and suggested that Yaron be deprived of any field command for a period of three years. The two appeared before the government on Feb. 10.

Meanwhile, a comment issued by the Israeli interior minister engaged the attention of political observers. After a cabinet meeting, which was also attended by Sharon, the interior minister said that "there is a smell of a revolution." He seems to have so commented because Sharon had given threats during the cabinet meeting. According to well-informed European sources, Sharon did not openly threaten of a coup but wanted to tell his colleagues that he was a powerful person in Israel and it would not be easy to get rid of him. It is understood that, on Feb. 10 itself, Sharon's supporters had thronged before the government headquarters in occupied Jerusalem and had made an attempt to prevent Sharon's ouster from the cabinet. A serious incident, and the first-ever of its kind in Israel, then took place; the clashes between Sharon's supporters and members of the peace movement turned into bloody fighting in which a hand grenade was also thrown by one of Sharon's men. An Israeli reserve policeman was killed and some others, including the interior minister's son, were injured. This incident showed the extent of a major rift in the Israeli society and the limits to which Sharon's supporters could go to achieve their objectives.

In the opinion of an Israeli affairs expert, the incident should have provided enough reason for the Begin's government to oust Sharon completely from the cabinet. If he had not represented a powerful element in the Israeli society. On the same evening, the Israeli cabinet passed the Inquiry Committee's recommendations by a majority of 16 votes. The only opposing vote was that of Sharon who resigned from the Defense Ministry but retained his position as minister without portfolio.

On the day following, Sharon sent a strange letter to Begin capitulating himself to the cabinet's decision and declaring his resolve to quit the defense post. He, however, added that "I wish to make it clear that I don't have the intention to resign from the government and I shall continue my service as a minister." Being an unprecedented letter in Israel's political history, it showed Sharon's confidence in his power. In a vaudeville party held last Monday at the Defense Ministry, Sharon said: "I am not vanquished, because a man does not derive his power from his post but from his confidence in the correctness of his political plan."

The Sharonists do not admire the former defense minister because he is an outstanding military leader or a political wizard, but because he epitomizes, more than Begin himself, the idea of a "Greater Israel". Sharon's supporters see in him the man who would rule Israel in the eighties after the departure of Begin. They consider him as the man who plans to impose Israel's hegemony over the Middle East and to transform the Jewish state into a major power along the lines of America and the Soviet Union. Sharon's supporters are, in fact, both in Israel and outside. According to a highly informed Arab source, a high-ranking Lebanese official complained to him that the Sharonists had their influence in Lebanon and jeopardized the activities of the legitimate authority of the country. He said that they were trying to implement Sharon's plots for they considered them "best" for ensuring the security of Christians in Lebanon. The Sharonists in Lebanon are composed of those elements who have received training in Israel and established strong ties with the Israelis, especially with Sharon, he added.

In fact, the invasion of Lebanon, which was basically plotted by Sharon immediately after assuming the defense post in the summer of 1981, is both an "ideal" and a "stage". It is an

ideal of what Israel has been dreaming to achieve in other states of the region. On the other hand, it constitutes an important stage of the Zionist plot to build the "Israeli Empire" with its hegemony over the Middle East. In December, 1981, Sharon told Yuri Eveney, a Knesset member and journalist who met Yasser Arafat in Beirut during the Israeli siege and then in Tunis last month, that he intended to invade Lebanon and strike the PLO at the "appropriate time". Once in the seventies, Sharon had asked Eveney to pave the way for a secret meeting with Arafat, in order to map out joint plans to topple the Jordanian government and to turn the country into a state for the Palestinians. But the attempt had failed and no meeting was held. What is significant in the matter is that when Eveney got acquainted with Sharon's plot, he immediately met with a prominent Palestinian personality and asked him to convey the matter to Arafat. The information was actually transmitted and turned out to be in conformity with the information from other sources that Israel was preparing for a major operation in Lebanon. In this connection, it may be noted that, since early 1982, the PLO leadership had been saying that Israel was making preparations for a major offensive.

Sharon's actions in Lebanon were based on his belief that it was his war and Lebanon was his own country. The invasion took place with America's approval, though the American sources say that the approval was for an operation in South Lebanon only. Israel denied this and asserted that the approval incorporated an all-out offensive, and the rift with Washington took a serious turn after the Sabra and Shatila pogrom. However, Sharon exploited the American approval to the fullest extent in the first stages of the invasion, then he began criticizing the U.S. as he prepared to put Lebanon under Israel's domination. Sharon took several political and military decisions in the Lebanese crisis without any prior sanction from the Israeli government and brought Begin and other ministers before a *fait accompli* more than once. He exerted the utmost effort to oust the Americans from the Lebanese-Israeli negotiations, and therefore, the Americans believe that Sharon was responsible for provocations with American and other multinational forces, so that they leave the country. In this behalf, quite a few Lebanese officials have detailed information on Sharon's attempts to exploit the Lebanese legitimate authority and to bring it under the Israeli terms and conditions.

As the time of the publication of the inquiry committee's report approached, Sharon increased pressure on the Lebanese in an attempt to strike a political accord securing for him a "victory" to cover up the outcome of the committee report. He threatened some Christian personalities in Lebanon that Israel might alter its alliances and leave the Christians to their fate if there was no rapid and direct accord with Israel on various issues. But Sharon failed and this situation led to a severe tension between him and the "Lebanese Front". Open criticisms came from the front's chairman Camille Chamoun and the Phalangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel. The invasion of Lebanon was part of the Zionist Middle East plan in the eighties or, better still, the Sharon plot. To begin with, the plan envisages that Israel's objective in the eighties must be to disintegrate the Arab states and make them smaller sectarian entities, with special concentration on Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Egypt and Jordan. According to the plan, Jordan is the country for Palestinians and it must be given to them as it would lead to the "neutralization" of the Palestinian problem. It further says that the disintegration of Egypt must be Israel's basic objective on the Western front, and maintains that the fall of Egypt would bring in the same fate to Sudan, Libya and other states. On the eastern front, the plan says that Israel should concentrate on dividing Lebanon into five districts and then work on the dismemberment of Syria and Iraq. The plan adds that "from the military and strategic point, the West under the U.S. leadership cannot confront the Soviet Union's pressures in various

parts of the world during the eighties. Therefore, Israel must stand alone in the eighties, without any military or economic aid from outside. And Israel is capable of doing that."

In this context, Shakh says that Israel intends to rely on "local power and elements" in some of the states of the region — such as Saad Haddad's forces in Lebanon — in order to be able to implement the plan. He also comments that Israel wants to set up military barracks in some of these states. A couple of weeks before his resignation, Sharon had openly demanded the establishment of two military bases or barracks in Lebanon as part of the agreement, in addition to the early warning station.

After Sharon's resignation, the plan has not been folded up because he still is a minister and enjoys a powerful position. Moreover, the plan is not only his but reflects the mind of the Zionist movement and Israel's present leadership. Under the circumstances, the Americans have not concealed their satisfaction over Sharon's exit from the Defense Ministry, as they consider him principally responsible for the American-Israeli confrontation in Lebanon. They now hope that his exit would lead to an accord on a phased program for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon; and U.S. envoy Philip Habib is trying to achieve this in his current shuttle in the region. Meanwhile, the Americans have welcomed Israeli ambassador to the U.S. Moshe Arens' appointment as defense minister. American Defense Secretary Weinberger met with Arens last Tuesday to agree mutually on taking steps to avoid confrontation on the Lebanese scene. Arens is known for his extremist attitude for he had earlier rejected the same post due to his opposition to the Camp David accords. But, being keen on improving U.S.-Israeli ties, he recently urged

Begin to freeze the construction of settlements in the West Bank and Gaza as a first step toward improving relations with the Reagan administration.

Lebanon, meanwhile, welcomed Sharon's resignation with great relief and, consequently, ordered the Lebanese army to take over security task from the militiamen in East Beirut (Christian area). Sharon had opposed this step as, he thought, it would weaken his influence and that of the Sharonists in Lebanon. The Lebanese armed forces took over their responsibility in that area last Tuesday, in cooperation with the multinational forces.

But, at the same time, Maj. Saad Haddad took some tangible steps with Israel's support to expand the horizon of his "state" to Sidon, covering nearly a quarter of Lebanon and reaching a distance of 40 kms. from the Israeli borders. Such a step shows that Sharon's exit from the Defense Ministry did not, and would not, change much of Israel's plots in the region.

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